

# Mohammedans march on

Sports Reporter



Reigning champions Mohammedans Sporting Club skinned off a cosy seven-wicket victory against Kalabagan Krita Chakra in the Navana Premier Division cricket league at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Mohammedans, who recorded their fifth consecutive win in this year's league, overhauled Kalabagan's score of 176 in 34.2 overs for the three wickets only. Skipper Minhurul Abedin Nannu won the toss in the morning and quite predictably asked his counterpart Shaon — leading Kalabagan in Ishfaq's absence — to bat first.

Fresh from a creditable victory against Victoria Sporting in their previous match, Kalabagan did not have much trouble dealing with the Mohammedan attack which did not appear incisive at all. Skipper Nannu's decision to take off Piyal after one generous over and bring himself on did not reap any immediate result.

Opening bowler Zakir gave Mohammedans the first breakthrough when he trapped Kalabagan's Sri Lankan opener Sujit Perera. The man who got a half-century against Victoria had scored 21 off the 29 runs of his side when a Zakir delivery rapped him on the pads and up went the umpire's finger.

Shaon, whose all round abilities contributed to their only second victory a couple of days ago, failed as Kalabagan lost their second wicket at 67 with Azhar Hossain Shantoo, MSC's principal wicket-taker of the day, getting into the act.

Mamun, the other opener departed ten runs later, in the 26th over, paving the path for a fluent innings of 21 off 32 balls, by Calcuttan Joydeep Mukherjee. A silly run out, however, cut short a very promising innings.

Meanwhile, Piyal had left, having failed at a time when a long innings from him was the order of the day, and Joydeep's dismissal in quick succession destroyed Kalabagan's hopes reaching two hundred.

Although Shahid scored a quick 35 and Ali a even quicker 26 Kalabagan's innings ended at 176 for eight wickets when the 45 overs quota was complete.

Mohammedans lost their first wicket on 25 when Sri Lankan Southpaw Sudarshan Guruge presented Rafiqul with his 12th scalp of this year's league.

Nannu, who normally goes at number four promoted himself to one-drop and together with Harun-ur-Rashid Lito took the score to 90 before Lito, after a chancy but aggressive innings of 43 fell prey, again to Rafiqul.

Nannu hit a sixer in his innings of 38 before being caught by Ali off Joydeep.

Aminul Islam Bulbul and Mohammedan's Indian recruit Sanjeev Sharma then saw them through without any further loss. Bulbul remained not out on a bright 40 off just 34 balls while Sharma scored 28 not out as Mohammedans posted 177 for three wickets.

Rafiqul was Kalabagan's most successful bowler claiming two for 32.

Joydeep picked up one for 40. It was Kalabagan's fourth defeat in six games.

The Navana League, like its other seasonal engagements of the day, will remain suspended today because of the half-day halt. The league will resume on Wednesday, January 27.

## Akram new Pak captain



CHANGING OF THE GUARD: New Pakistan skipper Wasim Akram and his deputy Waqar Younis (R). — Star file photo.

ISLAMABAD, Jan 25: All-rounder Wasim Akram was named captain of Pakistan's cricket team on Monday, replacing Javed Miandad, reports Reuter.

Akram, 26, takes over following poor performances by the World Cup holders in the recent three-nation World Series in Australia and their 2-1 defeat in a three-match one-day series in New Zealand.

The left-handed paceman was chosen by the council of the Board of Control for Cricket in Pakistan (BCCP) at a meeting at Rawalpindi, near Islamabad.

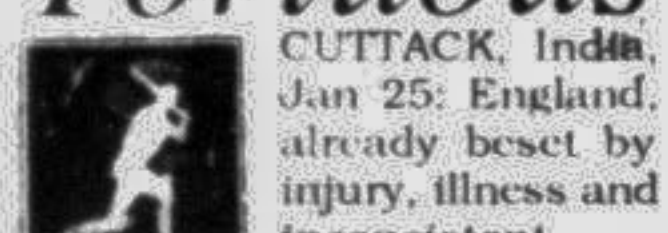
"The decision was taken in the greater interest of the country and the nation, besides following the board's long-term policy of selecting a captain who could serve the nation for a longer period," said BCCP secretary Shahid Rafi.

Waqar Younis, who partners Akram in one of international cricket's most devastating pace attacks, was named vice-captain.

Akram will lead Pakistan in forthcoming one-day tournaments in Sharjah and South Africa, and on the Test tour of West Indies starting in March.

Miandad took over as captain from Imran Khan after Pakistan's World Cup triumph in Australia and New Zealand early last year.

## Tortuous travelling



CUTTACK, India, Jan 25: England, already beset by injury, illness and inconsistent form, have had their preparations for Friday's first Test against India further hampered by dire travel problems, reports Reuter.

The cancellation of their scheduled flight to Calcutta this evening has left England facing a nine-hour rail journey.

Tour manager Bob Bennett spent all Sunday making arrangements for the team to sleep on an overnight train leaving Bhubaneswar for Calcutta.

Team manager Keith Fletcher said: "It's a bloody nuisance."

"India is too big a country for us to have to keep getting about by train, and a night on the train is not exactly ideal preparation for a Test match."

With the country suffering a partial strike by airline pilots, the England squad suddenly discovered on Saturday that their flight to Calcutta had disappeared off the schedule.

The same thing happened in the previous match at Chandigarh where England's

players had to make a return train journey from Delhi to get to the second one-day international.

Last Saturday their flight from Delhi to Jaipur, where Monday's first one-day international was played, was badly delayed. The return flight to Delhi, on the evening of the match, was another much-delayed journey.

For the current three-day match at Cuttack, England's players have had a two-and-a-half hour round trip by coach from their Bhubaneswar hotel.

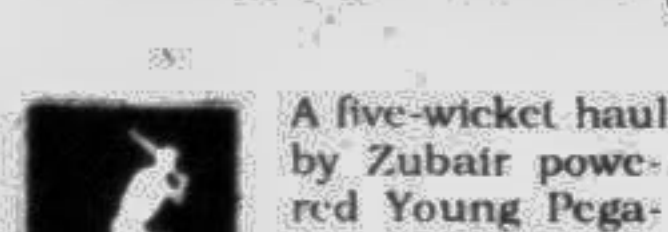
The last 10 days have been full of late night travel and early morning starts.

Rubbing salt into the players' wounds is the fact that a British satellite television team covering the tour are being flown around the country in the luxury of a chartered Indian Air Force plane.

Bennett said there had not been enough time to charter a plane for the trip to Calcutta for the team.

"We have to get on with it day-to-day and just do the best we can in the circumstances. Things are always unpredictable in India," he said.

# Azad Boys' plight continues



A five-wicket haul by Zubair powered Young Pegasus B to a convincing five-wicket victory against Azad Boys Club in the Second Division cricket league at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Pegasus B skipper Masud won the toss and asked his counterpart Iqbal Azim to make first use of the wicket.

Former First Division league champions Azad Boys, who produced quite a good number

of elegant players but have of late fallen on hard times, were banded out for 121 in 32.5 of their stipulated quota of 35 overs.

Shakil Kasem, Azad Boys' star performer yesterday who opened the innings along with Nayan, topscored with 36 from 44 balls. He hit five fours while his partner Nayan collected 24 off 54 balls.

Skipper Iqbal Azim with 12 and wicketkeeper Shabbir with 11 and Pavel with 10 were the other notable scorers for Azad Boys. Former ICCB secretary Syed Ashrafu'llah was run out for two.

Zubair, brought rather late into the attack, returned the best analysis for Pegasus B with five wickets for only eight runs from 4.5 overs while Tipu and Jasim chipped in with two and one scalp respectively.

Young Pegasus B cruised past their opponents' total by making 122 in 34.2 overs with five wickets to spare.

Wicketkeeper Poltu topscored with 31 off 57 balls while Jewel (Sr) remained unbeaten on 21 from 20 balls with the help of three shots across the fence.

Jasim scored 15 and Mithu 14 while Sohel and Rabi made 12 each.

Monu and Iqbal Azim took a wicket apiece while the other three Pegasus batsmen were run out.

## GANDARIA WIN

Gandaria cricketers beat East End Club by two wickets in the other match of the day at the Dhanmondi Cricket ground.

Electing to bat East End amassed 161 losing seven wickets from their quota of 35 overs with Pop topscoring with 52 from 66 balls, a knock inclusive of as many as eight hits to the ropes and Tito (Sr) made 30 while his younger namesake scored 23.

Debu bagged three wickets conceding 23 runs while skip-

per Nasir lent a hand with two for 27.

Gandaria cricketers reached the target making 162 in 33 overs with two wickets in hand.

Mozaffar topscored with 40 hitting five fours and a six and Nasir scored 30 while extras contributed a healthy 35 to the total.

Pop, who topscored for East End, went one better with the ball claiming three wickets for 31 while captain Mofiz bagged two wickets for 28.

## Nirman cricket

Sports Reporter

Scholastica School advanced to the eight-team second phase of the qualifying meet for the Dhaka zonal championship of the 11th Nirman schools cricket tournament when they cantered past Probhati Vidya Niketan in the Group D final at the Brothers Union ground yesterday.

At the Golapbagh ground, T & T High School registered an easy six-wicket victory over Rajdham High School to set a Group C semifinal date with Motijheel Govt Boys High School on January 29.

In the other match of the day, BCISR School, aided by a superb knock of 95 from Saqib and an incisive bowling spell by Kochi, posted a huge 108-run victory over Ali Ahmed High at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium to earn a Group B final clash with Blossom International on January 30.

## Susanti shocked

SEOUL, Jan 25: Bang Soo-hyun of South Korea upset topscored Susi Susanti of Indonesia to win the women's singles final in straight sets at the 110,000 dollar Korea Open badminton championships here Sunday, reports AFP.

# England draw again

CUTTACK, India, Jan 25: Paceman Devon Malcolm got up from his sick bed and captured three wickets in four deliveries to give England's cricketers a welcome pre-Test boost on Monday, reports Reuter.

Malcolm's bowling and an unbeaten 80 by opener Michael Atherton were the significant features for the touring team as their three-day match against India Under-25s ended tamer in a draw.

England dismissed the Under-25s for 273 to take a first innings lead of 135 and declared shortly after tea on 146 for two — 281 ahead. In 15 overs before the game finished the Indians made 53 for one.

With the first Test against India starting in Calcutta on Friday, Malcolm could hardly have provided his teammates with a better tonic than his three-wicket burst after spending two days in bed with a virus.

Malcolm's accounted for Gyandendra Pandey (54), had Ashish Zaidi bow and bowled last man Abhey Kuruvilla to finish with three for three in two overs.

Atherton, dismissed without scoring in the first innings, made up for lost time with an innings of mounting authority in which he faced 162 balls, hitting 11 fours and a six.

Both Malcolm, who took the only wicket to fall in the Under-25s second innings, and Atherton were playing their first match since the opening tour game in Fardabad at the beginning of the month.

England now face a nine-hour rail journey to Calcutta after their scheduled flight was cancelled.

## Lankan squad for Sharjah

COLOMBO, Jan 25: Sri Lanka on Monday announced a 13-member cricket squad for the 3 nation tournament to be played in Sharjah next month, reports AP.

Sri Lanka will be pitted against World Cup champion Pakistan and the Test newcomer Zimbabwe in the Feb 1 to 5 tournament in the United Arab Emirates.

The team: Arjuna Ranatunga (captain), Roshan Mahanama, Arinda de Silva, Asanka Gurusinghe, Champaka Ramanayake, Don Anuradhi, Chandika Hathurusinghe, Jayananda Warnawera, Hashan Tillakaratne, Ruwan Kalpage, Pramodya Wickremasinghe, Dulip Samarawera and Nishanatha Ranatunga.

## Volleyball results

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation (BTMC) and East End Club won their respective matches of the NBL First Division volleyball league at the Outer Stadium volleyball court yesterday.

East End Club beat Sonali Bank 13-17, 15-7, 15-5, 15-5 while BTMC defeated Bangladesh Fire Service 15-5, 15-3, 15-12.

Meanwhile, Nabajatak beat Srijoni Sangha 15-13, 15-6, 15-4 in the Second Division league at the same venue yesterday.

The other match of the junior league between Partners' Club and Bangladesh Bank was in progress at the time of filing this report.

## Women's chess concludes today

Sports Reporter

Zebunnesa Rina, the lucky qualifier for the main draw of the 14th national women's chess championship, finally opened her account with half a point when she drew with Hamida Rahman in the eighth-round match at the National Sports Council chess room yesterday.

Hamida has collected two points from eight matches. Defending champion and IWM Rani Hamid beat Selina Banu Tuhi to raise her collection to five and a half points from eight matches. Tuhi has two and a half points from eight matches.

Syeda Afsana Parveen Nira, younger brother of the former national champion Syeda Shabana Parveen Nipa, drew with Masuda Begum. Nira has two and a half points while Masuda has collected one and a half points from eight and seven matches each.

However, the two crucial matches of the day involving two former champions—Tanima Parveen and Nipa—were adjourned.

Tanima, who finished runner-up to Rani Hamid last year, was playing with

the white pieces against Zakia Sultana while Nipa was playing against Selina Banu Tuhi.

Both Nipa and Tanima have collected five and a half points from six and seven matches respectively.

The ninth and final round matches, along with the adjourned encounters, are scheduled to be held today.

# Windies wither as May returns



ADELAIDE, Jan 25: Australian Tim May's return to international cricket sent the West Indies batsmen into a tailspin Monday, putting the home team in the driver's seat for the fourth Test and the series, reports agencies.

May spent four years in the international wilderness due to a combination of injury and poor form, but made a triumphant return to the Test team by taking five wickets Monday conceding only nine runs from 6.5 overs.

The West Indies tumbled out for 146 in their second innings on the third day of the Test at the Adelaide Oval. The result left Australia with a target of 186 runs when they began batting Tuesday.

May, who will turn 31 on Tuesday, skittled the Caribbean world champions for their lowest score since they managed only 128 in the fourth Test at Sydney in 1975-76.

Allan Border's side will wrap up an unbeatable 2-0 lead if they can defy the might of Curtly Ambrose and the other West Indies bowlers.

Fast bowler Curtly Ambrose had earlier given West Indies the edge, finishing with his best Test figures against Australia of six for 74 as the home side slipped from their overnight 100 for three to 213 all out.

But Australia hit back with paceman Craig McDermott making the inroads and May causing a stunning collapse in which the last six West Indies wickets tumbled for 22.

South Australian May, who played the last of his seven previous Test in the 1988/89 home series against West Indies, captured his five wickets for five runs off 32 balls.

May, who will be 31 on Tuesday, said: "The wheels fell off. I thought I was never going to play Test cricket again."

Victoria here would make Australia certain of winning a Test series against West Indies for the first time since their 5-1 triumph over Clive Lloyd's team in the six-match rubber of 1975-76.

It would also be the first time West Indies had lost a Test series since being beaten 1-0 in New Zealand in early 1980.

Yet after a day in which a total of 17 wickets fell on a lively, turning pitch, West Indies were confident of upsetting Australia's victory hopes.

"I have no doubt we can bowl them out. The wicket is



West Indian wicketkeeper Junior Murray (L) appeals after Australian Merv Hughes' nick off Carl Hooper during the third day's play of the fourth cricket Test at the Adelaide Oval yesterday. Windies Skipper Richie Richardson is also seen in the picture. — AFP photo

starting to crumble a little and the ball is keeping low," said West Indies captain Richie Richardson, who was top scorer with 72 as he tried to prop up his collapsing side.

Richardson is putting most of his faith in pacemen Ambrose and Ian Bishop. "These guys have been bowling great all summer," he said.

McDermott dispatched openers Desmond Haynes and Phil Simmons cheaply and later removed Keith Artherton without scoring as the touring team slipped to 65 for four.

Richardson and Carl Hooper (25) checked the slump in a fifth wicket stand of 59 before May destroyed the rest of the innings with easily his best Test bowling figures.

Ambrose appeared to be giving West Indies the upper

hand at the start of the day when he captured three wickets in nine deliveries, including captain Allan Border for 19.

Border's dismissal left him needing a further 51 runs to pass Sunil Gavaskar's aggregate of 10,122 and become the world's highest run scorer in Tests.

After Ambrose's early blast, West Indies were frustrated by David Boon and paceman Merv Hughes.

Boon made an unbeaten 39 with his right forearm swathed in bandages to protect bruising caused by a delivery from Ambrose on Sunday, and Hughes was top scorer with 43.

## SCOREBOARD

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

WEST INDIES: First innings 252 (B. Lara 52, M. Hughes five for 64)

AUSTRALIA: First innings (overnight 100 for three wickets) M. Taylor c Hooper b Bishop 1 D. Boon not out 39 J. Langer c Murray b Benjamin 20 S. Waugh c Murray b Ambrose 42 M. Waugh c Simmons b Ambrose 0 A. Border c Hooper b Ambrose 19 I. Healy c Hooper b Ambrose 0



TIM MAY ... 5 for 9

# Zamorano keeps Real on track



MADRID, Jan 25: Chilean striker Ivan Zamorano scored a hat-trick to give Real Madrid a 3-0 win over Tenerife on Sunday and keep the famous 'whites' in the thick of the Spanish league soccer championship battle, reports Reuter.

Zamorano's triple strike kept Real in third place at the mid-point of the season on 27 points from 19 games, three points behind leaders Deportivo Coruna and one behind champions Barcelona, who have a game in hand.

Deportivo scraped a lucky 1-1 draw away to Rayo Vallecano on Saturday, with Brazilian Jose Beбето scoring his 19th goal of the season to give them the point three minutes into injury time. Barcelona were also on the rack in a pulsating 2-2 draw at Real Sociedad on Sunday.

The last day of the first round of fixtures was also marked by Diego Maradona's first goal for Sevilla in open play.

The former Argentine captain, who had previously netted two penalties and one free-kick for the Andalusian club, showed a touch of the genius of yesteryear after just two minutes of a home match against Sporting Gijon.

Controlling the ball on his chest with his back to goal, Maradona turned and hit a

perfect left-foot shot into the corner of the net for the only goal of the game.

Zamorano was equally impressive for Madrid in a victory which provided some revenge for the 3-2 defeat by the Canary Islanders which cost Real the league title last season.



DIEGO MARADONA

With Tenerife, unbeaten in 11 games, ready as always to attack, there were plenty of openings for the Madrid strikers and Zamorano opened his account in the 27th minute, lashing home a precise cross from Croatian Robert Prosinecki.

The 92,000 crowd in Santiago Bernabeu Stadium had to wait until the 74th minute for the next goal when Tenerife goalkeeper Agustin Rodriguez could only parry a fierce drive from Michel Gonzalez and Zamorano was on hand to stab the rebound home.

The Chilean's third and most spectacular goal came well into injury time when he ran on to a deep pass from Emilio Butragueno and lobbed the advancing Agustin.

Barcelona had a torrid time in San Sebastian against the young Real Sociedad side coached by Welshman John Toshack.

The Basques, playing with pace and fire, dominated much of the game and often made the champions look ordinary.

Barcelona went ahead against the run of play when Ronald Koeman scored from a penalty in the 43rd minute after a home defender was judged to have fouled Aitor Reguiristain as he closed on goal.

Real Sociedad deservedly

## Kabaddi camp

Sports Reporter

The preliminary coaching camp for the primarily selected 32 players for the third Asian kabaddi championship and the sixth SAF Games will start tomorrow, January 27 in the city, says a press release.

Twenty-four players will be selected after the completion of the month-long trial while the second phase of the coaching programme will begin after Eid-ul-Fitr on April 10.

The third and final phases of the training programme will be held after Eid-ul-Azha in June and December respectively.

An Indian coach will be available for the third phase coaching programme while the Bangladesh selection will play some exhibition matches in Nepal during this period.

Eventually, a final squad of 12 players will represent the country in the SAF Games kabaddi.

Players already selected have been asked to report to coach Hamidur Rahman or Jahangir Alam Chowdhury at the Bangladesh Kabaddi Federation today.

## Japanese paddlers due on Feb 10

Sports Reporter

An eight-member Japanese table tennis delegation including three men and as many women paddlers will arrive in the city on a four-day goodwill trip on February 10, says a press release.

During their brief stay in the capital they will play some exhibition matches against local players and conduct coaching lessons as well.

The team will leave Dhaka on February 13.

## College cricket

Sports Reporter

Adamjee Cantonment College moved into the final of the 1993 Dhaka zonal inter-college cricket tournament by beating Residential Model College by 42 runs in the first semifinal at the latter's ground yesterday.

Dhaka City College will play Mohammadpur Central College in the second semifinal on January 28 while the final will be held on the following day.

## Finance in DU cricket final

Sports Reporter

An unbeaten 83 from national player Selim Shahed powered defending champions Department of Finance and Banking to the final of this year's Dhaka University inter-department cricket tournament.

Finance outplayed Department of Marketing by a flattering margin of eight wickets in the first semifinal at the Jagannath Hall ground yesterday.

Battling first Marketing made 131 losing nine wickets in the stipulated 35 overs. Chasing a modest total Finance were home and dry in 27.4 overs, hitting off 133 with eight wickets to spare.

Selim Shahed, who plays for Victoria Sporting Club in the Navana Premier Division league, remained unbeaten on 83 while Labib contributed 26.

Finance will play the winners of the second semifinal between International Relations and Management Department, scheduled for January 28, in the final on the last day of the month.

Champions Finance Department are being sponsored by The Daily Star.