anyway

Eskaton win

Sports Reporter

The only match of the Milnars First Division position deciding league at the Mirpur Pallabi ground yesterday was tied but Eskaton Sabuj Sangha still came out winners on better wicket average.

The 43 overs a side affair ended with both the teams mustering 220 runs but Eskaton lost one wicket less than Bangladesh Railway's

Sent in to bat, Eskaton Sabuj Sangha amassed 220 runs for the loss of six wickets in the possible 43 overs. thanks to a superb first-wicket stand between Pappu and Biplob which produced 142 runs in 31.5 overs. Biplob topscored with 73 off 105 balls embellished with six shots across the fence while Pappu made a sedate 99-ball 62 with four fours.

Colonel (21) was the only other Eskaton batsman to contribute a 20-plus score. Extras yielded a useful 40. In reply, the Railway bats-

men were well on course for a victory when they needed only nine runs off eight balls with four wickets but luck was not really on their side as they fell just a run short of the target at the end. Rezaul featured in with a gritty 105-ball 87 with seven boundaries to pay the anchor role of the Railway innings. Shahid and Nafis made 84 and 37 runs respectively. Biplob returned figures of

two for 43 - not bad in a day clearly dominated by the willow wielders.

Nirman cricket

Sports Reporter

Blossom International qualified for the final round of the Dhaka zonal championship for the eleventh Nirman schools cricket tournament by emerging as the Group B champions yesterday. Blossom International beat

BCSIR High School by six wickets in the Group B final at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium

BCSIR School, batting first, were bundled out for a paltry 88 in 24.3 overs with Milon making 27.

Babla and Rana took three and two scalps respectively for Blossom International.

Blossom International reached the target in the 21st over making 89 with six wickcts in hand with Putan top scoring with 38 with the help of five shots across the fence.

The BCSIR school skipper Saqib bagged two wickets for

At the Saint Joseph's School ground, Dhaka Colle-School beat Ahmed Bawany Academy by seven wickets to move into the Group H final.

Sent in to bat Ahmed Bawany Academy made 155 for the loss of nine wickets in 23.1 overs with opener Fardin topscoring with 46 from 43 balls and Nabi and Ahsan making 31 and 21 respectively.

Morshed bagged three wickets for 28 while Raja and Suman took two wickets each. Dhaka Collegiate School

made 156 for the loss of three wickets in 28.2 overs with Morshed and Amin remaining unconquered on 32 and 31 respectively. Ahsan and Nabi took one

wicket apiece.

Shafiuddin Sarker School registered a 68-run victory over Jatrabari Biddyut Unnayan Board High School in the other match of the day.

Div II cricket

Sports Reporter

Nabin Sangha recorded a convincing a 53-run victory against Rainbow Athletic Club in the Second Division cricket league at the Dhanmondi Club ground yesterday.

Sent in to bat Nabin Sangha made 166 losing seven wickets from their allotted quota of 35 overs with Khokon (sr) making 63 off 67 balls with the help of a couple of over boundaries and as many boundaries.

Mona bagged two wickets and Tapu and Sajal took one

Rainbow Athletic Club were skittled out for a poor 113 in 29.1 overs with Tapu topscoring with 33.

Khokon (jr) with four wickets for 19 ripped through the opponents' batting while Adil chipped in with three for

Narrow wins for Spartak, Dynamo

MOSCOW, Jan 30: Spartak Moscow and Dynamo Minsk scored narrow victories over their opponents on Friday to reach the final of the Commonwealth of Independent States 11-a-side indoor football tournament here on Friday, reports AFP.

Russian champions Spartak beat Dinamo Tbilissi 2-1 with centre-forward Victor Onopko scoring in the final five min-

Dynamo needed a penalty shootout with 'Lithuania's Ekranas Panavegis which they won 4-2.

India in driving position

Afzal H Khan

From Eden Gardens, Calcutta

preparing to leave for home

disaster revisited the English

camp. Gatting, who was a tri-

fle fortunate in surviving a

close leg before appeal by Test

debutant off-spinner Rajesh

Chauhan a little earlier, getting

the benefit of the doubt from

umpire Piloo Reporter, was

bowled neck and crop by one

that kept a shade low from

Chauhan a couple of overs

CALCUTTA, Jan

30: If England's

bowlers didn't

have a clue how

to stop the sweet

metronomic rhyt-

hm of Mohammad Azhar-

uddin's bat on the opening day

Friday their bowlers had even

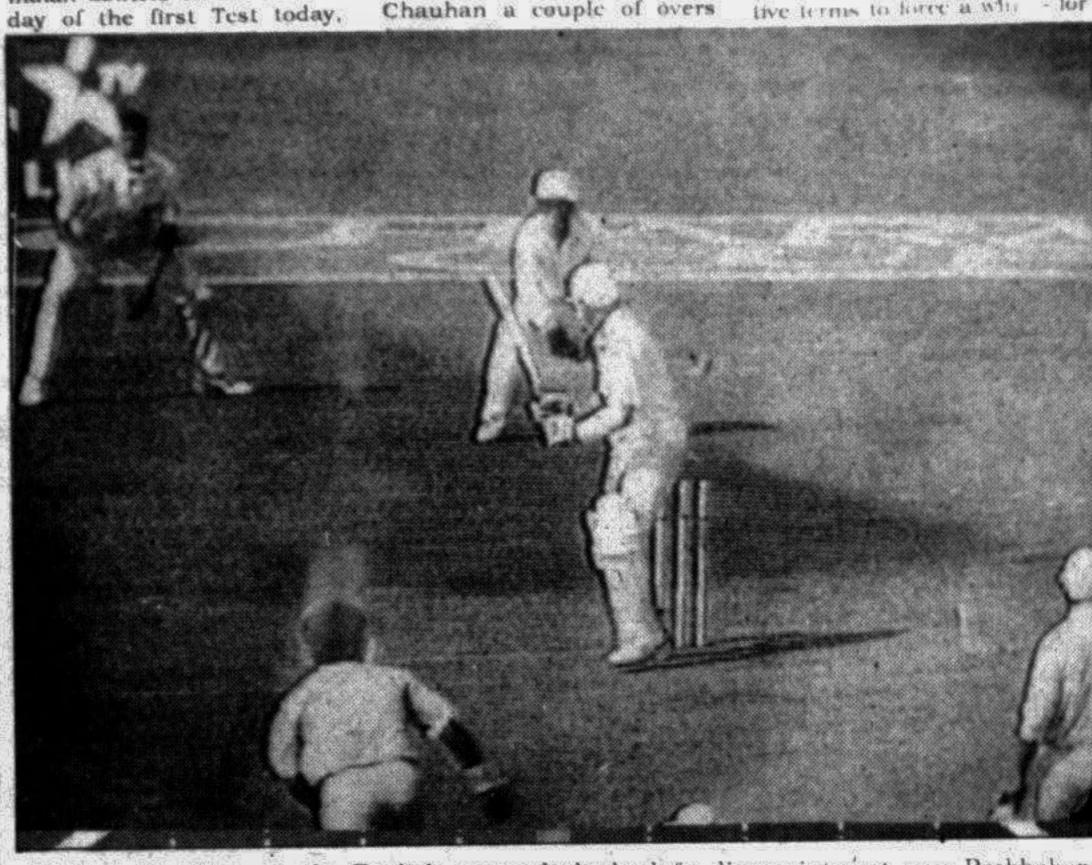
fewer answers against the

Indian bowlers on the second

contain extremely high levels of testosterone after a random test during training last March. The 1986 world 800 metres freestyle champion elaimed the testosterone was produced naturally after she

midwicket. Hick, who earlier accounted for Kapil, picked up another wicket to finish with three for 19 from 12.1 overs. Devon Malcolm too picked up three wickets but the two that he got today were tailenders Kumble and Raju whom he

bowled with his pace. So, while the Indians should start thinking in posttive terms to force a whi - for



Timber! Alec Stewart, the English opener looks back in disappointment as a Prabhakar delivery clean bowls him on the second day of the first cricket Test between England and - Star TV photo India at Eden Gardens, Calcutta yesterday.

finishing on a precarious 88 for five at stumps.

India, who rode on the brilliance of their skipper Azharuddin, eventually dismissed for a masterly 182 soon after lunch, held the whip hand with three days to go and England needing another 84 runs just to avoid the follow on - a daunting proposition for the tourists on an increasingly turning track.

Prabhakar gave India à brilliant start when England started their reply to the home tcam's 371 all out by clean bowling a rather tired Alec Stewart for nought, the first ball faced by the makeshift wicketkeeper. It was a blow from which England, by day's end it seemed, never quite recovered. That wicket fell with the score on eight.

Captain Graham Gooch, playing his 100th Test, failed to get going and edged a sharp turner from left-armer Venkat Raju to Azhar in the slips for

Yet at 37 for two it didn't look all that hopeless. But things soon got from bad to worse for Gooch's men, Robin Smith, one of the mainstays of their batting, knew nothing about a ball from leg-spinner Anil Kumble, Amre snapping him up at forward short leg on the forward prod. From 38 for three it became 40 for four when Graeme Hick, the great English batting hope from Zimbabwe, was all at sea against a top spinner from the tall Kumble which castled him after he had scored just one from a dozen deliveries.

Neil Fairbrother joined former England captain Mike Gatting, who, in the meantime, was trying to keep his end up as wickets fell at the other. The pair batted cautiously, Gatting the more circumspect and Fairbrother preferring to use his pads more than his bat to smother the spinners who wore gradually getting more and more purchase on the

newly laid wicket. Forty-seven runs were added - rather, accumulated -- by these two in 23 overs and

just when the crowd was

decision to incr-ease a ban on

Astrid Strauss, the former

world champion who blames a

positive drugs test on a heavy

beer-drinking session, reports

The International Swim-

ming Federation (FINA) on

Thursday turned down a

German appeal against the 18-

month penalty which FINA

imposed on Strauss last month

after a positive test for the

But a leading anti-doping

official at the German

Swimming Federation (DSV),

which had earlier struck a deal

with the swimmer to limit the

ban to six months, was

adamant on Friday that the

Swiss-based FINA had no legal

gal action will not be made be-

fore a DSV board meeting on

Monday, anti-doping chief

Juergen Medla said: "I stand by

my previous position that FINA

has not acted in a correct way

While a final decision on le-

steroid testosterone.

right to intervene.

BONN, Jan 30:

German swimm-

ing chiefs may

still take interna-

tional officials to

court over their.

later. Gatting's painstaking vigil on his return to Test cricket after his unpardoned South African sojourn as a rebel three years ago, lasted 160 minutes and his 33 runs were gathered off 142 balls.

Fairbrother, not out on 17, batted confidently, perhaps to convince the English selectors that unlike his more familiar image of a slam-bang slasher in the abridged version he. too, can be a stayer in the longer game. But he will need to stay a lot while longer tomorrow if he is to prove his point and serve England's cause at their time of need. For England need him now.

Azhar continued this morning in the same manner as on Friday, evoking the visage for the large English press corps here of a right-handed David Gower with his fluent, unhurried strokeplay. He and Kapil Dev put on 68 runs in 72



M AZHARUDDIN ... 182

minutes for the sixth-wicket before the latter left for an indifferent 13. Azhar's 182, his highest against England, was made in 321 minutes off just 198 balls and was embellished with 26 fours and a straightish six off Salisbury. A tired flick off the toes off Hick saw the Indian skipper giving an easy catch to his counterpart at

"But that is only my per-

sonal view. The DSV board

needs to discuss the matter of

Monday and decide upon any

strong-worded letter to FINA

president Mustapha Larfaoui in

which he threatened to take

FINA to the Swiss Civil Courts

and the International Olympic

Committee IOC arbitration

self to be a puppet in carrying

out arbitrary measures," the

lawyer wrote. 'On what bases

and proofs does the (FINA) bu-

reau have the nerve to main-

tain that Ms Strauss used

cide whether it is worth sour-

ing relations with the govern-

ing body for a swimmer who is

unlikely to represent Germany

Strauss's urine was found to

DSV officials must now de-

banned doping substances ?"

"The DSV will not allow it-

panel if it did not back down.

Last month Medla wrote a

change - their opponents from the mother country of cricket will have the whole night to think of ways to save this match. The mood in the two camps can be gauged from the shy smile on Azhar's lips contrasted with the deep. quizzical creases on Gooch's forehead

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the second day of the first cricket Test between India and England to-INDIA: First innings

	Telescontrates and a
(overnight 263-4)	19
M Prabhakar c Lewis	
b Salisbury	46
N Sidhu e Hick b Taylor	13
V Kumble c Hick b Jarvis	16
S Tendulker c Hick	200
b Malcolm	50
M Azharuddin c Gooch	
b Hick	182
P Amre c Hick b Jarvis	12
Kapil Dev c Lewis b Hick	13
K More not out	4
A Kumble b Malcolm	0
R Chauhan b Malcol	2
V Raju c Slisbury b Hick	ī
	127
Extras: (b-6, lb-6 nb-10,	29
w-10)	32
Total:	371
Fall of wickets: 1-49;	
3-93; 4-216; 5-278; 6-34	6; 7-
362; 8-368; 9-370	
The state of the s	

Bowling: 24 Malcolm Jarvis 23 64 Lewis 19 Taylor 17 Salisbury 19 **ENGLAND**: First innings G Gooch c Azharuddin

b Raju A Stewart b Prabhakar M Gatting b Chauhan R Smith c Amre b Kumble G Hick b Kumble N Fairbrother not out Salisbury not out Extras: (b-8, lb-7, w-4) Total (for five wickets) Fall of wickets: 1-8; 2-37;

19

88

3-38; 4-39; 5-87 To bat: C. Lewis, P. Jarvis, D. Malcolm, P. Taylor Bowling: 18 Kapil Dev 6 Prabhakar Kumble 5 13 6 15 Raju Chauhan

DSV may still take FINA to court drank heavily at a party at her Magdeburg Sports Club just before the test.

Strauss won a court injunction against the DSV to swim at the Olympic trials but was suspended from competing at the Barcelona Games. After striking the six-month deal, the DSV then joined battle with Strauss against FINA.

The scandal has already caused many problems within the DSV, including the resignation of a former anti-doping campaigner.

Clough's tips for Roy Keane

NOTTINGHAM, England, Jan 30: Roy Keane, the hottest property in English football, has been ordered by Nottingham Forest manager Brian Clough to find a girlfriend and get married, reports AFP.

Clough has issued the advice after a series of unsavoury incidents on and off the field involving the 21-year-old Republic of Ireland international, culminating in his substitution at Manchester United on Wednesday.

Sharjah

KARACHI, Jan 30: A 16member Pakistan crieket squad led by left-arm all rounder Wasim Akram, left for Shariah Saturday for the start of the three-nation Wills Trophy tournament, reports

Before leaving Lahore for the tournament which begins Monday. Akram said his team would "Do its best to win not only in Sharjah but also in South Africa where we fly from there."

The team is a combination of experienced and talented newcomers and we will goallout to restore our honour," Akram said.

Akram faces an uphill task in uniting the team for the games against Zimbabwe and Shri Lanka, after the controversial decision by the Pakistan Cricket Board to strip Javed Miandad of his captaincy fol lowing an unsuccessful tour of Australia and New Zealand and a dispute over the inclusion of Salim Malik and opener Rameez Raja in the side.

Originally Malik and Raja were excluded from the squad for poor performance and indiscipline but after considerable pressure from the board they were included, much to Miandad's disgust.

Miandad had carlier said he was let down by the poor form of his vice-captain Raja, Malik and other frontline batsmen.

The Pakistan team will fly on to South Africa to take part in the triangular series involving the West Indics and South

Meanwhile, Pakistan Cricket Board president, Justice Nasim Hassan Shah, hinted Friday that Akram could rctain the captaincy for ten years if he performed well in Sharjah and South Africa.

Junior chess

Sports Reporter

Seven players including national champion Reefat bin Satter with full three points jointly led the table of the 14th national junior chess championship at the completion of the third-round matches at the National Sports Council chess room yesterday.

The six other players are Jahangir Ahmed, Taiyabur Rahman, Mahmudun Nabi Lenin, Nazrul Islam, Arman Monir and Mohammad

Shafiqul Islam. Recfat beat Ruhul Islam. Jahangir defeated Shafiq Ahmed, Taiyub outwitted Sajiad Kishore, Lenin got the better of Shafiul Azam, Nazrul beat Sharif Imran Hanif, Arman defeated Anisur Rahman and Shafiq got past Javed Hossain in their respective third-round encounters.

Abdullah Al Rakib and Mamunur Rashid collected two and a half points to follow the first seven.

Handball results

Sports Reporter

Christian Youth Club registered an exciting 21-20 victory against Pragati Boys Club in the Suncrest Second Division handball super league at the Outer Stadium handball court yesterday. Christian Youth, with this

victory, took their tally to 12 points from five super league outings.

Nawabpur Sporting Club beat Dipali Juba Sangha by 16 goals to 12 in the other match of the day.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Arunayatan vs Old Ideals

(2:15 pm) Kurmitola Apollo vs Nabin Sangha (3:15 pm)

British success

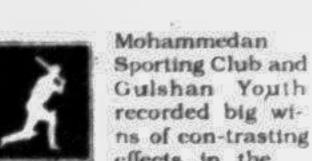
KATMANDU, Jan 30: British runners finished Nos. 1 and 2 in the first Katmandu International Marathon on Saturday, reports AP.

leuan Ellis, 32, of Wales reached the finish line in two hours, 24 minutes and 10 seconds, just ahead of Hugh Jones, 27, of England, who had a time of 2:25: 50. A Russian runner, Sergei

Khomutov, 24, was third at 2:29:47, and two Nepalese soldiers finished fourth and fifth: Shyam Lal at 2:30:50 and Rup Lal Poudel at 2:31:40.

Pakistan off to | Galvanised Gulshan, merry MSC

Sports Reporter



Gulshan Youth recorded big wins of con-trasting effects in the Navana Premier Division cricket league yesterday.

Reigning champions Mohammedans registered an uneventful and nonchalant nine wicket victory - their sixth in a row - to remain as the team to beat while the Greater Mymenshingh Cricket



RAFIQUL ALAM ... 65 n-o Club (GMCC), fresh from their fantastic ten-wicket win against title aspirants Abahani Krira Chakra, suffered a sevenwicket defeat to metamorphosed Gulshan Youth, to spring some surprisc.

At the Dhaka Stadium Surja Tarun, sent into bat first by MSC skipper Minhazul Abedin Nannu, could muster an always inadequate 154 for eight wickets after 45 over of a ghostly paradigm batsmanship

Iladi and Titu's 40 run

opening partnership ended in the 13th over when the gangling Hadi was run out for 21. Before Tarun could forget Hadi's loss, Rajinder, the turbanned Sikh from India who had scored a brilliant 94 in Tarun's last lost match against Brothers Union, left for 12. Nannu, who has been getting away with his slow medium swinging stuff for quite some time, bowled Rajinder to capture one of the two of his victims of the day.

. Although wickets kept on falling at regular interval. Javed Omar Golla and Shri Lankan Priyalal Rodrigo chipped in with two useful knocks.

Sanjeev Sharma bowled Javed Omar Belim Golla for 24 while Rodrigo remained unbeaten on 34 when Surja Tarun exhausted their quota of 45 overs, managing 154 for the loss of eight wickets.

Gamagee, MSC's tall Shri Lankan paceman was the most successful bowler bagging two for 21.

Namnu picked up two for 24 while Indian Sanjeev Sharma and Aminul Islam Bulbul took one apiece.

Mohammedans got off to an untroubled start with Harunur-Rashid Liton and promoted middle order bat Rafiqui Alam posting 84 off 19.2 overs. Liton's share was decimated by left arm spinner Gem who bowled him for 24.

Rafigul Alam then paired with another promotion winner in the batting order -Sanjeev Sharma and stroked freely to knock up 158 in 35.3 overs to give MSC a huge nine-wicket victory. Rafique remained unbeaten on 65 with the help of eight lovely fours. Sharma unconquered knock of 54 contained five

GMCC BITE DUST

In another match of the Navana league GMCC tasted first defeat of this year's league despite a fine ton by Indian Raman Lamba at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

Gulshan Youth, who are in super form since the joining of Indian Test players Ashok Malhotra and Arun Lal. pulled off an astonishingly comfortable seven wicket victory. A disciplined century by

Raman Lamba was rendered useless as other GMCC batsmen gave a pathetic display of batting, when Gulshan skipper chose to field after winning the toss. Raman played 123 balls and

hit nine fours. His ton went unsung as only three other batsmen reached the double

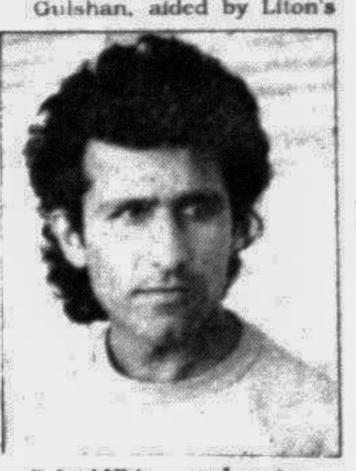
figures with Shri Lankan Sanjeeva Weerasinghe making 26 with included a sixer in GMCC's total of 186 in 45 overs.

Arun Lal, who later played a prominent role in Gulshan's victory with the bat gave a prelude of things to follow with two wickets for 42. Asif took two for 53. There was one

and Joydev. Gulshan, aided by Liton's

wicket each for Shabbir

Chowdhury, Indian Malhotra



R LAMBA ... useless ton pyrotechnics, survived the fury

of Dulu and Saiful putting 30 for the first wicket. Liton cracked 35 studded

with seven fours off 36 balls before being caught and bowled by Billu. The left arm spinner then removed Shoel in the same manner for 26 but that was all as far GMCC's success with the ball was concerned.

Because Arun Lal then teamed up with his compatriot Ashok Malhotra to present Gulshan their sixth victory in eight matches. Arun remained unbeaten on 61 off 79 balls with the help off five fours. Malhotra remained unbeaten on 46 with off 58 balls as Gulshan posted 190 for three in 40.2 overs.

Billu really bowled well to finish with two for 28 off nine overs. Dulu took one for 32.

TODAY'S MATCH

Brothers vs Biman (Dhaka

Imran seconds BCCP's choice



LONDON, Jan 30: Imran Khan praised the Pakistan Cricket Board's decision to appoint Wasim

Akram as their new captain and Mudassar Nazar as coach of the world champions on Friday, reports AFP.

Writing in the Daily Telegraph, the former Pakistan



IMRAN KIIAN

captain felt Javed Miandad's demotion was justified after the world champions dismal one-day displays in Australia.

The Pakistan Cricket Board have made a dynamic move by making the two players who have played a major part in almost every win Pakistan has since the World Cup, captain and vice-captain, he wrote.

"Wasim Akram and Wagar Younis are the two best players in the team. This means that both will command the team's respect."

Also Wasim has already indicated that the intends to get rid of the unfair system through which the prize money is unequally divided. This will immediately have an effect of binding the team together.

"Moreover, to help Wasim and Wagar, Mudassar Nazar has been appointed coach, which

feel is an excellent move. During my cricketing career I found Mudassar to be one of the best cricketing brains." "I feel their combination

will put the Pakistan cricket team back on the right footing. "Javed Miandad has always performed better when the burden of captaincy has been

lifted from his shoulders and he can get on with the task of making runs. Besides, Javed's advice will be of great use to the captain and the manager. "No-one can ever predict how good a captian any player

will he until he is given the job. However,l feel Wasim possesses all the right quali-Meanwhile, Imran, who retired from cricket after leading Pakistan to their World

Cup win in Australia last year, denied reports that he is to marry Germany television presenter Kirstiane Backer. "She's not the woman in my

life," he told Friday's Today newspaper." If I get married, I'll be telling everyone. Kirstiane is a friend and no more than that. The main thing in my life is hospital I'm building."

AKRAM CONFIDENT

In Karachi, Wasim said Friday he would do his best to restore Pakistan's honour in world cricket.

His team leave for Sharjah today to participate in the Wills Trophy international scries starting on Monday. Shri Lanka and Zimbabwe also take

From Sharjah, Pakistan's

Rajshahi cricket RAJSHAHI, Jan 30: United

Boys Club and Mukti Sangha won their respective matches in the Bhorer Kagaj First Division cricket league here today (Saturday), reports UNB. United Boys Club defeated Sultanabad Club by 30 runs.

33:3 overs with Ripon scoring 30 and Tarun 26. Tarek of Sultanabad cap-

Batting first, United Boys

were all out for 127 playing

tured four wickets giving away 26 runs. In reply, Sultanabad Club

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Prabhati Sangha by 34 runs. Mukti Sangha batted first to score 134 for 9 in fixed 35 overs with Milan hitting 36: Prabhati Sangha were bun-

with Baki making 23. Judo, karate camp

dled out for 100 in 26 overs

A judo and karate coaching

camp under the aegis of the Bangladesh Judo and Karate Federation will begin from February 1 at the Dhanmondi gymnasium adjacent to the Abahani Krira Chakra Club, says a press release.

16-man squad travel to Johannesburg to take part in one-day matches against West Indies and South Africa. Akram said, "The team will

tions on the planned tour to West Indies in March.' The president of Board of Control for Cricket in Pakistan

go all out in the forthcoming

fixtures and our performances

would have significant implica-



WASIM AKRAM

(BCCP). Justice Nasim Hasan Shah said "If Akram performed well as a captain in Sharjah and South Africa, Pakistan may have found an able captain for the next 10 years,"

Chinese soccer opens the door for foreigners

BEIJING, Jan 30: Foreigners will be allowed to play for Chinese football teams for the first time as the country goes all out to make it to the 1994 World Cup, the China daily reported Friday, reports AFP.

With a German already

coaching the Chinese national team, the new decision, which permits China's top eight football teams to each hire one or two foreign players, follows the adoption of a professional club system last China should no longer re-

main stuck "outside the door of the World Cup," state councillor Li Ticying was quoted as saving. Li, who oversees sports, said the goal was to ensure China makes it to the 1994 Cup in the United States.

Despite football being the most popular spectator sport, China has failed in its last two attempts to qualify for the World Cup and just missed making it to the Barcelona Olympic Games.

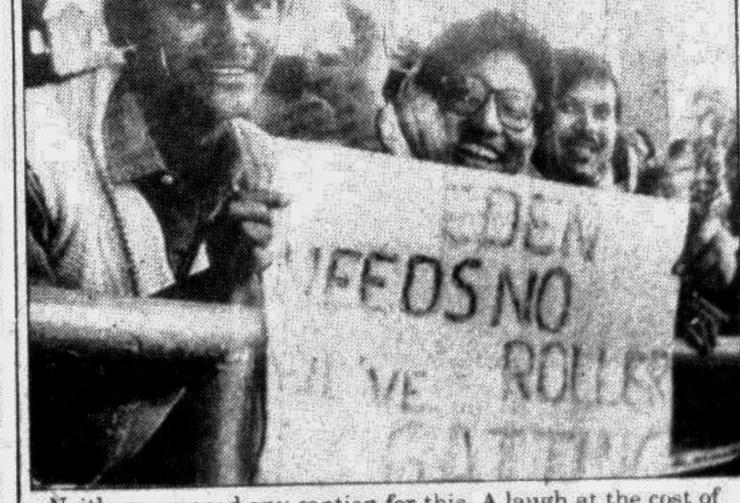
*Soccer is one of the masse's great loves," Li said. "You could say it influences the hearts of billions of people."

Fans have bitterly watched

the state-backed national team lose time and time again. National coach Klaus Schlappner was brought in

from Germany last June to breathe some life into the team and has shown mixed results.

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Neither you need any caption for this. A laugh at the cost of - Star TV photo English batsman Gatting's girth.