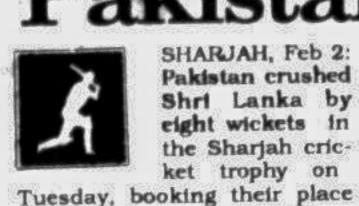
# Pakistan storm into final



SHARJAH, Feb 2: Pakistan crushed Shri Lanka by eight wickets in the Sharjah cricket trophy on

in the final, reports Reuter. Needing 181 to win in 46 overs. Pakistan achieved the target in 40.2 overs for the loss of openers Rameez Raza (73) and Saeed Anwar (55) who put on 132 for the first wicket.

When the winning runs came Inzamam-ul-Haq and Asif Mujtaba were unbeaten on 27 and 15 respectively.

New Pakistani captain Wasim Akram was named manof-the-match for a fine 10-over pace performance which yielded four for 24.

Asanka Gurusinghe top scored for Shri Lanka with an excellent 90. He was caught superbly by substitute Zahid Fazal off a well-timed hook.

The runs came off 111 balls and contained three magnificent sixes and five fours. But his departure signalled the end of Shri Lankan resistance with the middle order illto combat the equipped Pakistani openers Saeed

and Rameez encountered no problems against Shri Lanka's mediocre attack and the pair settled the match with their century stand.

Rameez ended a bad patch by hitting eight fours in his

Shri Lanka play Zimbabwe

it's always nice to win," said

Ambrose, a quiet, private man

choosing his words carefully in

ning publicity for most of his

Antiguan who is 2.1 metres

tall, was speaking after West

Indies had won the fifth Test

on Monday for a 2-1 series tri-

He inspired their success

Ambrose said he had been

"I didn't think of the record

told of the record by his team

because victory had to come

first. My ambition now is to

play Test cricket for a long

time because when you are top

sist displaying his exuberance

by driving his teammates

round the Perth ground's out-

field in the four-wheel drive

Landcruiser he had just won as

Even Ambrose could not re-

mates but was unconcerned.

with 33 wickets, at an average

of 16.42, a record haul for

West Indies in a Test rubber

against Australia

it feel grand."

Ambrose, a 29-year-old

the dressing room after shun-

five-year international career.

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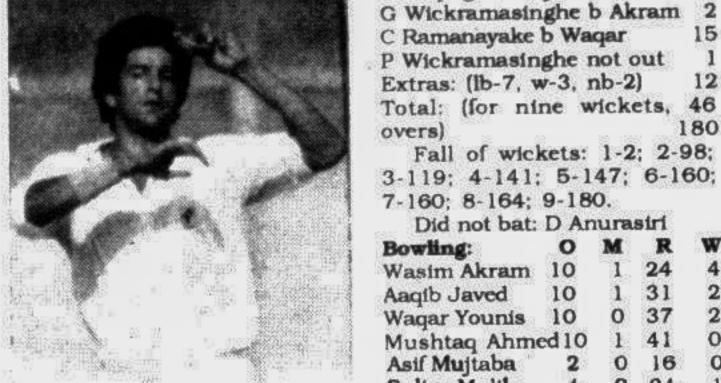
Perhaps it was

the occasion,

champange corks

popping and ow-

on Wednesday with the winner facing Pakistan in Thursday's



0 16 4 0 24 Salim Malik PAKISTAN: Saeed Anwar c Tillakaratne b De Silva Rameez Raja c Gurusinghe b De Silva Inzamam-ul-Haq not out Asif Mujtaba not out Extras: (b-2; lb-1; w-7; nb-1)11 Total: (for two wickets, 40.2 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-132; 2-

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Did not bat: Javed Miandad, Salim Malik, Wasim Akram, Rashid Latif, Mushtaq Ahmad, Waqar Younis, Aaqib Javed. Bowling: Ramanayake 8.2 1 19 0

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# A De Silva c Mujtaba b Waqar 7 Ambrose : An introvert assassin

pretty much easy," said Ambrose, referring to the influence of the now-retired Viv Richards, Gordon Greenidge,

"In the past winning was

AKRAM . . . man-of-match

SCOREBOARD

Trophy one-day cricket match

between Shri Lanka and

C Hathurusinghe c Anwar b

A Gurusinghe c sub b Akram 90

Pakistan on Tuesday.

R Mahanama lbw b Akram

SHRI LANKA:

Scoreboard in the Sharjah

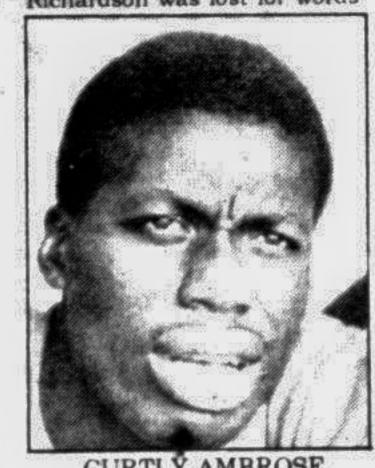
nership of a huge, Jeff Dujon and Malcolm new Landcruiser, that prompted West Indies bowling "But once we have our assassin Curtly Ambrose to cricket together we can always

speak, reports Reuter. Certainly, after his destruc-There were no revelations tion of Australia's batsmen in of his technique, which enthe fourth and fifth Tests, evables him to achieve disconerybody was listening. certing bounce as well as move "It goes without saying that the ball into and away from the I am very happy today because

> forcing them to flash and fend and ultimately, slice catches. In one spell in the fifth Test Ambrose took seven wickets for one run off 32 balls- one of the most devastating bursts in Test history.

batsmen with apparent ease,

Even captain Richie Richardson was lost for words



CURTLY AMBROSE

about the performance of Ambrose, whose early ambition was to be a claypso singer or to

"Well obviously Curtly has played a very big part. I think I would put my head on the block and say Curtly, yeah, That Curtly, well, yeah," said Richardson, ending in laugh-

Ambrose can constantly punish his body with his fearsome run-up and delivery, not the fastest in the game but menacing enough, and not sus-

tain injury. While colleagues and opposing pacemen are at times confined to the treatment table, Ambroses' only absence at top level has been through haem-

orrhoids. Players say he has immense courage, pushing himself through stresses and strains that would sideline most bowlers.

SCHOOL TON He quickly assesses the batsman's weakness and goes for it, bringing his arm over from a height which intimidates the life out of his oppo-

Australian captain Allan Border, who dispenses praise and criticism, carefully, puts Ambrose among the best four he has played. The others are Joel Garner, Michael Holding and Wasim Akram.

"He has got to be in the ball of fame," said Border. Off-field, players say

Ambrose has a fine sense of humour and plays reggae mu sic constantly to help him re-

The problem for Border, and other cricket captains around the world is that Ambrose intends to carry on

#### International Player-of-theplay basketball in the United for a long, long, time. year in a vote of Australia's idders await IOC nod



LAUSANNE, Switzerland, Feb 2: The race for the 2000 Olympics came under starter's orders on

Monday, reports Reuter. Favourites Sydney, quietly hopeful, staked their claim at the International Olympic Committee headquarters on the shores of Lake Lemanwith the help of a 570-page

brochure. But outsiders Milan and Brasilia looked in danger of being left at the starting line, bogged down by political and economic woe.

Tashkent withdrew last week, but there were hefty bids on Monday from Manchester (500 pages) and Istanbul (600 pages).

Olympic history.

Beijing made their submissions in advance of Monday's deadline-making seven confirmed entries.

Remarkably, Milan made the lineup only after a 4233 weekend vote by city leaders to proceed.

The Italians face a massive public relations task with Milan caught in a major political corruption scandal that has led to over 100 of the city's politicians being arrested for allegedly accepting bribes from businessmen.

But city mayor Piero Borghini said maintaining the bid after one of Italy's most testing periods was proof of our desire for renewal and of our faith in the future.

Istanbul are trying to create Located in both Europe and

Asia, the Turkish city straddling the Bosphours would, if selected, become the first city to host the Olympics on two

continents. Deputy mayor Turgul Erking said: We are here on a great and historic mission. We will write a new chapter in the history of the Olympics if we are selected.

"We have the solid backing of our government and the total support of the whole coun-

Manchester chief Bob Scott was delighted British Prime Minister John Major would be pressing the case personally with IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch later this

Scott said: This has been a crucial day for us and fam happy to say we have passed it with flying colours.



ONE PROCESSION PARENTS WOULD NOT MIND TO SEE THEIR KIDS IN : Jubilant students and players of Finance and Banking Department brought out a victory procession after completing a hattrick of DU inter-department cricket title with a huge 112-run victory against International Relations. A rare sight these days when almost every procession in the university arena adds to creases on the foreheads of the care-worn guardians.

-Star photo

## Milnars cricket comes to an end Sports Reporter

The Milnars First Division cricket league concluded yesterday with Eskaton Sabuj Sangha registering a facile seven-wicket victory over Evergreen Club in a positiondeciding match at the Mirpur Pallabi ground yesterday.

The league virtually ended yesterday although the match to decide the champions is scheduled for tomorrow as the play-off has no significance beyond mere academic interest.

Skipper Liton's decision to bat first after winning the toss went against Evergreen as the Eskaton bowlers— especially Faruq, Mona and Masudripped through their batting line-up. They wouldn't have made it past 100 had the skipper himself not offered any resistance. Liton's 65-ball 48 saw the total to 114 in 39.4 overs. Three other batsmen -Shahid, Afzal and Mahtab- to make double digit scores contributed 13 runs each.

Faruq took three for 27 while Mona and Masud claimed two apiece.

In reply Eskaton raced to 118 in 26.5 overs losing three wickets. Masud topscored with 38 while Pappu and Mona made 27 and 22 respectively.

Meanwhile the Navana Premier Division league resumes today after a two-day break with Surjo Tarun taking on Kalabagan KC of the Dhaka Stadium and PWD coming up against Udity at the DCS.

# Niaz will play in GM meet

Sports Reporter

Niaz Morshed, the lone Grandmaster of the country, will participate in the first United Insurance GM chess championship, which begins in the city on February 19.

Niaz, who had been hesitant, about his participation in the meet, made up his mind to play following a fruitful negotiation with the sponsors United Insurance Co Ltd.

Secretary of the Bangladesh Chess Federation Mujibur Rahman acted as the successful intermediary between Niaz and the sponsors.

Mcanwhile, national champion Reefat bin Satter led the table of the 14th national junior chess championship after sixth round of play at the National Sports Council chess room yesterday.

Reefat, who defeated Taiyabur Rahman in his yesterday's match, now have full six points from as many out-

Taiyab, Abdullah Al-Rakib, Taherul Islam and Shafiul Azam earned five points each. Javed Hossain collected four and a half points.

### Polgar checkmates **Boris Spassky**

BUDAPEST, Hungary, Feb 2: Judit Polgar, the youngest chess Grandmaster in history, beat former world champion Boris Spassky on Monday to take an early lead in their dirs 200,000, 10-game exhibition match, reports AP.

The 16-year-old Hungarian, the No. 1-ranked female player, showed why she is a potential contender for the overall world championship. She played white and used a Spanish opening.

Neither player lost a piece in the first 21 moves. But Polgar the attacked aggressively. Spassky, 40 years her senior, resigned on the 40th

Polgar's victory, following a draw in the first game Sunday, gave her a lead of 1.5 points to 0.5. Each victory is worth one point and each draw a halfpoint in the match, which continues Wednesday. The winner gets dlrs 120,000, the loser dlrs 80,000.

## Williams dropped

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, Feb 2: West Indies have dropped wicketkeeper David Williams from their squad for the triangular limited overs cricket tournament beginning in South Africa next week, reports Reuter.

Williams had a disappointing tour of Australia, losing his place in both the Test and one-day matches to Junior Murray.

Fast bowler Kenneth Benjamin is also omitted from the squad after suffering a knee injury. The West Indies Board of Control said he had not been considered for selec-

The tournament, which also includes World Cup holders Pakistan, will be played from February 9-27 with West Indies opening match against South Africa in Port Elizabeth on February 11.

### TEAM

34 South

African

minister

37 Leave out

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39 Sudden

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36 Classic

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Richie Richardson (captain), Gus Logie (vice-captain), Desmond Haynes, Phil Simmons, Brian Lara, Carl Hooper, Keith Arthurton, Jimmy Adams, Junior Murray, Curtly Ambrose, lan Bishop, Courtney Walsh, Anderson Cummins, Patrick Patterson.



The victorious Department of Finance and Banking cricketers Finance became champions in Dhaka University inter-department cricket championship for the third time in a row - Star photo beating International Relations by 112 runs.

# Finance complete hattrick

Sports Reporter

Department of Finance and Banking champions for the last two years in Dhaka University interdepartment cri-16 balls less. cket championship, retained Finance, who were spon-

their title to complete a hattrick when they beat Department of International quota of 40 overs. Relations by a huge margin of 112 runs at the Jagannath Hall ground yesterday.

Put into bat by IR skipper Enayet Mowla Finance lost their captain Rownakul Islam Tutul - the seasoned opener who plays for the Greater Mymenshingh Cricket Club (GMCC) in the Navana Premier Division cricket league - for

IR's joy at the early departure of one of the many Finance stalwarts was short lived as Selim Shahed, a national cricketer, paired with Labib to lay the base for a huge Finance score.

In a rather unequal contest where Finance's victory was a foregone conclusion Selim Shahed did not indulge in any nonsense and his 52 made off 51 balls bore stamp of class. The unassuming allrounder who plays for Victoria, struck five sweetly timed boundaries.

After Labib had left for 42 Finance's two Navana stars -Mohammedan's Robi and Biman's Rupam - collared the hapless IR attack. Both the batsmen scored 34 with Robi needing 42 balls and Rupam

sored by The Daily Star amassed 229 for six from their

Mowla bagged three wickets for 29 runs among the IR bowlers. Mesbah picked up two for 49 while Nafis and Rana claimed one each.

So decidedly marked was the difference of strength between the two teams that any chance of IR leather hunt was bleak and it was clear at the onset of their innings. Wickets fell like nine pins and only a defiant half century by skipper Enayet Mowla was the only saving grace IR's paltry collection of 117 for eight at the end of the stipulated 40 overs.

Enayet remained unbeaten on 50 off 77 balls with the help of two fours and sixer. Selim Shahed, Rupam and

Shovon took one wicket Enayet Mowla was named

the man-of-the-match. He won Taka 1,000 cash

award announced by The Daily

The players of the International Relations department who finished runners-up in the DU

Dr Ali Rashid chairman of the DU cricket committee. gave away the prizes instead of VC Prof Emajuddin Ahmed

# . Sports Reporter

East End Club and Kakrail Boys' Club won their respective matches of the Second Division cricket league at two city venues yesterday.

At the Dhanmondi Club ground East End Club beat Three Star Boys' Club by four

wickets.
The highlight of the match was a well-deserved century from Shipu of East End Club. Shipu, hit as many as 14 boundaries to reach the coveted mark. At the Dhanmondi Cricket

Stadium, Kakrail Boys eliminated United Heroes by six wickets.

Put in to bat, United Heroes made 138 for nine wickets while Kakrail Boys, in their turn, made 139 in 30.1 overs for four wickets with Shafique remaining unconquered on 52.

ports BSS.

KHULNA, Feb 2: Young Pegasus beat Mohammedan Sporting Club by 100 runs in the Danish First Division cricket league at the Khulna Stadium here on Sunday, re-

9 deadlook. Monir, Sharif and Hannan scored nine, seven and four goals respectively for the Old Ideals while Khaleque and Babu netted four and three goals respectively for the

## Bashir leaves for KL on Feb 8

Secretary General of the Bangladesh. Olympic Association Bashir Ahmed will

Olympic member-countries of Asia are expected to attend the

# CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

inter-department cricket championship.

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CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF A PERSON HAS HALF

EYO TADOT

A MIND TO GET MARRIED, THAT'S ALL HE OR SHE NEEDS. Today's Cryptoquip clue: T equals S

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

# Rajshahi cricket-

Sports Reporter Raninagar Cricket Club and Bandhan Krira Chakra won their respective matches of the Rajshahi Bhorer Kagaj First

Division cricket league yester-At the Rajshahi District Stadium, Raninagar beat Town

Club by one wicket. Sent in to bat, Town Club made 114 for eight wicket in the stipulated 35 overs with Fuju, Babar, Azad and Babul making 26, 15, 12 and 11 respectively. Bhiku and Bablu bagged two

wickets each for Raninagar. Raninagar made 117 losing nine wickets in 30.3 overs with Nayan topscoring with 44 and Bhiku making 15.

Shamim took two scalps for Town Club. At the Divisional Stadium,

Bandhan Krira Chakra out-

played Sunrise Club by 78 runs. Electing to bat, Bandhan made 154 losing all wickets in 34.4 overs with Ashraful topscoring with 43 and Rafiq getting 23.

Shyamol bagged three wickets while Miru, Moudud and Khoda Box Mridha evenly shared six wickets among

Sunrise were skittled out for a poor 76 in 26.4 overs. Sabbu and Towrik claimed three and two scalps respectively for Bandhan Krira Chakra.

#### TODAY'S MATCHES Sultanabad vs Friends Club

(Dist. Stadium) Bright Star vs Agamoni KC

(Div Stadium) DU spikers to play

### in inter-dept meet Sports Reporter

Dhaka University will take

part in both men's and women's events of the forthcoming inter-university volley ball championship beginning on February 11 at other Rajshahi University premises, says a press release. An open selection competi-

central university ground today at 3:30 pm. Interested students have been asked to attend on time.

tion will be held today at the

Handball results

Sports Reporter The Old Ideals posted a

huge 52-13 victory over Kurmitola Apollo Club in the Sun Grest 2nd Division handball league at the Outer Stadium handball court yester-The first half ended in a 9-

# Sports Reporter

leave the city for the Malaysian capital of Kuala Lumpur on February 8 to attend the twoday annual seminar of the secretary generals of the Olympic Committees of Asia beginning on February 9. All the secretaries of the

programme.