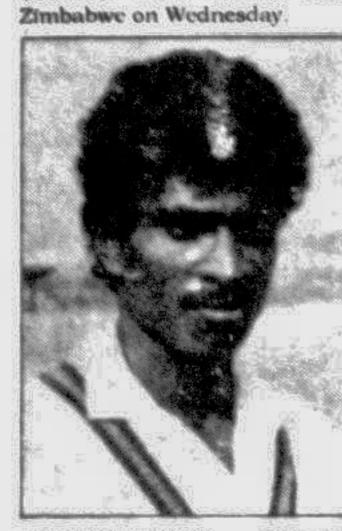
in Sharjah today

Shri Lanka will meet Pakistan in Thursday's final.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the Sharjah



The match was reduced to 43 overs-prr-side

Shri Lanka: R Mahanama c Arnott b Crocker C Hathurusinghe lbw b Brandes A Gurusinha run out A De Silva b Brain A Ranatunga c Campbell b Brandes H Tillakaratne not out R Kaipage not out Extras : (1b-3; w-8; nb-1)

Did not bat: N Ranatunga, C

Wickramasinghe, D Anurasiri 57 Brandes 0 41 Ranchod 37 Shah 0 G Flower Crocker 0 ZIMBABWE

A Flower b Gurusinha A Campbell c Mahanama b N Ranatunga E Brandes c A Ranatunga

G Crocker not out D Brain b Wickramasinghe U Ranchod not out Extras: [lb-18; w-11; nb-1] Total (nine wickets - 43

3-54; 4-65; 5-85; 6-85; 7-154; 8-194; 9-219 Bowling: Ramanayake Wickramasinghe 9 0 De Silva 34 Gurusinha 2 0 24 Anurasiri N Ranatunga 9 0 33 3 0 23 A Ranatunga

gets underway

Sports Reporter

The Rabbani Sports Women's volleyball tournament got underway at the Dhanmondi Women's Sports Complex yesterday.

Rajbari DSA beat Narayangani DSA 15-7, 15-7 15-12 in the opening match of the meet

blishment Nurul Huda in augurated the four-day competition as chief guest.

Sydney's fear

aided the start of a damaging round of industrial disputes, reports Reuter.

cricket on

Memorial First Division cricket league when they trounced Ahmed Jute Mills Club by eight wickets at the Osmani Stadium yesterday, says a press release.

Mills made 103 losing eight wickets in 29 overs with Suman topscoring with 37.

Jahangir and Munna took two wickets apiece for Rifle

Rifle Club cruised past the opponents' total making 106 for the loss of three wickets in 19 overs with Tapar I dal scor-

Suman and Barun took a wicket apiece.

Pak-Lanka final | Tito touches up Surjo Tarun

Sports Reporter

performance by Tito enabled Surjo Tarun to taste victory after a series of defeats when they beat Kalabagan Krira

Dhaka Stadium yesterday. Batting first Kalabagan limped off to an unconvincing total of 169 for nine from their quota of 45 overs with Tito gumming up the works with a

Chakra by four wickets at the

fine spell of off-spin bowling. After Shri Lankan Sujith Perera had left for a bright 55 made off 71 balls with the help of five fours and a sixer. Kalabagan just lost their way.

The left handed Shri Lankan who opened the Kalabagan innings, gave no hint of any devil in the wicket; a fact which was also borne out by Kalabagan's other foreign recruit, Joydeep Mukherjee.

The tall right hander also batted care freely for his 25 off ust 35 balls

The rest of the batting, barring a brief flutter by paceman Mohammad Ali, never prospered. Pilot, who announced his arrival earlier this season as the most exciting young batsman of the country, continued to show same susceptibility at number four labouring for a 37-ball innings of eight runs only

As always, Ali quickly responded to the call for quick runs and proved instrumental Gaibandha Nirman

From Our Correspondent

cricket result

GAIBANDHA, Feb 3: Gaibandha Govt Boys High School became champions in the Gatbandha zonal championship for the eleventh Nirman schools cricket tournament by recording a four-wicket victory against Islamia High School at the local stad um

Batting first Islamia School were all out for 115 while Gafbandha Govi School, In their turn, made 118 losing six wickets. Abed Mostafa Ripon of the

winners was adjudged the man-of-the-match. Four schools participated in

the meet organised for the first time in Gaibandha by the district sports association. Deputy Commissioner of

Gaibandha Abdur Razzaque gave away the trophies as

for Kalabagan's eventual total of 169 with quick 20 made off 32

Tito was by far the best Tarun bowler with figures of four for 16 runs from seven

Majbee, Gem and Rajinder took one wicket apiece, among the other Tarun bowlers employed by skipper Hadi.

Tito and Hadi, opening the innings, had the match as good as won for Tarun with a solid 82-run partnership for the first wicket.

Tito, the phlegmatic rangy cricketer, topscored with 40. He played 68 balls and sent the ball four times to the

Hadi, the tall opening batsman who also keeps wicket for his side, made 32. Although Indian cricketer

Rajinder Singh, who has been quite prominently in Tarun batting for quite some time now, scored only 15. Javed Omar Belim Golla, the former member of the national youth team, ensured victory for his side with a fine innings of 33,

Shaibal was the other notable scorer in Tarun innings with 22.

Tarun recorded their only Premier Division league when they posted 172 in 39.2 overs for the loss of six wickets.

Rafiqui of Kalabagan was once again the major wicket taker for Kalabagan. He took two for 32 yesterday to raise his tally to 15. Surja Tarun now have six

points from as many matches while Kalabagan, who created a commotion earlier this year by signing up former Indian Test cricketer Kirti Azad, but never getting him to play, remained stuck at four from seven matches.

UDITY WIN

Meanwhile in the other Navana encounter of the day, babes Udity registered a big 124 run victory acceinst hapis Januar's his ble Works Department (I'WD) at the Dhanmondi Cricket ground yesterday.

Skating on thin ice of demotion to the Milnars First Division ericket league PWD brought grist to Udity mill as the winners, batting first piled up a huge score of 256 losing only four wickets from their quota of 45 overs.

A fine innings of 78 Anup laid the foundation for a real

Rokon then cracked a thunderous 66 off 58 balls which included seven hits across the fence to tote up to the miseries of the poor PWD bowlers.

leather hunt by the latter

batsmen.

Rahul smashed 56 with the help of three fours off 44 balls as Udity ran up to an unassailable total of 256 for four wick-

Kamrul, Fazlu, Towhid and imdu took one wicket each. PWD were all out for 132 with Kamrul topscoring with 34. Obaed scored 33 Kallol 18 and Imdu a stroke filled 17.

Durjoy spelt doom for PWD with his leg-spin claiming three wickets for 15 runs only. Rokon chipped in with two for

Udity now have six points from seven matches while PWD who succumbed to their ninth defeat are yet to open their account.

TODAY'S MATCH Brothers vs OMCC (Dhaka Stadium)

Nirman cricket

Sports Reporter

Willes Little Flower School third win of this year's Navana have qualified for the final round of the Dhaka zonal championship for the eleventh Nirman schools cricket tournament.

Yesterday they registered a massive 164-run victory over University Laboratory High School to clinch the Group F championship at the Brothers Union ground.

Batting first Little Flower School were all out for 210 in 33.3 overs with Manna topscoring with 56 and skipper Opec getting a quick 32 with the help of four sixes and a

Faisal also made 32 while Mushfig and Abir made 25 Sunil and Omar shared six

wickets between them while Wahid took two for University Laboratory School Little Flower School bow-

lers bundled out the University Laboratory School students for a paltry 46. Asif with four wickets for 33 was most successful of the

Little Flower School bowlers while Opee and Halim with two wickets each lent him able support. Anwar, the Laboratory

School wicketkeeper, topscored with 19 for his side.

including Grandmaster Niaz Murshed will participate in the Goodriche International Open chess tournament, which begins tomorrow in Calcutta.

The other three Bangladeshi players are former national women's chess champion and International Women Master Rant Hamid of Bangladesh Biman and Ztaul Kader Tuhin and Shaikh Anwar Hossain of Brothers Union.

Four local players

to compete in

Goodriche chess

Sports Reporter

Four Bangladeshi players

United Insurance Co Ltd. sponsors of the first ever GM meet beginning in the city from February 19, will sponsor Niaz Morshed's Calcutta tour.

Meanwhile, national champion Reefat bin Sattar with full seven points from as many matches led the table of the 14th national junior chess championship at the National Sports Council chess room yesterday

Reefat beat Abdullah Al-Rakib in his yesterday's en

Shafful Azam and Shaffq Ahmed with six points each followed the national cham-

Rajshahi cricket

Sports Reporter

Friends Sporting and Bright Star Club won their respective matches of the Bhorer Kagaj First Division cricket league vesterday.

At the Rajshahi Stadium, Friends Sporting beat Sultanabad Sporting Club by three wickets.

Batting first Sultanabad made 130 losing seven wickets in 35 overs with Rintu scoring 26 and Md Alt and Jamal 18 and 17 respectively.

Runu took three scalps for

Friends Sporting reached the target making 132 in 32 overs with three wickets in

Suja and Tuhin scored 27 and 25 respectively. Jamal and Md Ali bagged

three and two wickets respectively for Sultanabad Sporting. At the Divisional Stadium, **Bright Star outplayed Agamoni** Krira Chakra by six wickets.

Electing to bat, Agamoni were dismissed for 118 in 34.5 overs with Sulav and Sayeed getting 34 and 22 respectively. Litu and Rabi bagged three

and two wickets respectively. Bright Star needed 26.5 overs to score 119 with six wickets to spare.

Mohiuddin topscored with 54 while Litu made 16. Nahid took two scalps for Agamoni Krira Chakra.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Mukti Sangha vs Baikali Sangha (District Stadium) United Club vs Cricket Clinic (Divisional Stadium)

Div II cricket

Sports Reporter

Young Pegasus A beat Lalbagh by a convincing margin of 70 runs in the Second Division cricket league at the Dhanmondi Club ground vesterday.

Young Pegasus batted first to pile up 200 for four wickets from their quota of 35 overs. Baki topscored with 50. Paltu with 40, Sohel with 36 and Zubair with 25 not out were the other major run-getters.

Moti with three for 31 was the main wicket-taker for Lalbagh.

Lalbagh were booked for 130 with Moti shining with the bat also. He topscored with 25, followed by Selim (24) and Jewel (20).

Jashim wrecked the batting with figures of three for 32. Zuabir took two for 14. in the other match of the

day held at the western portion of the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium Millbarracks beat Eastern Sporting Club by 14

Batting first Millbarracks managed 180 for eight wickets from their quota of 35 overs. Azhar topscored with 41 while Shafiq made 39 and Zakir hit 26. Pappu remained unbeaten

Rifat was the most successful Eastern bowler with four for 31. Eastern Sporting were all

out in their turn for 166. As a valiant 59 by Alam went in vain. Shyamal was the only other notable scorer with 24. Tapan destroyed Eastern

with figures of three for nine. Javed took three for 34 and Lal Miah captured two for 36 to send Eastern hurtling to a narrow defeat.

Handball results Dipali Juba Sangha got the

better of Arunayatan Cultural and Sports Sangha by 19 goals to 10 in the only match of the Suncrest Second Division handball league at the Outer Stadium handball court yester-The winners led 9-5 at half

Jamal and Rumel netted

five goals each for Dipali Sangha while Mostala and Bishnu got four each for Arunayatan Sangha.



Young chess players in action in the 14th junior chess championship at the chess room of the NSC yesterday. - Star photo

England settles for the next

1995 World Cup in subcontinent

After 1998, a formal rota-

tion system will be introduced.

with South Africa lined up to

host the 2001 tournament,

was to insist on the appoint

to be in place by July this year.

ment of an ICC chief executive,

England's other condition

the delegates decided.



LONDON, Feb 3: International Cricket Council delegates on Tuesday night ac-

cepted a combined offer from India. Pakistan and Shri Lanka to host the 1995 World Cup cricket tournament, reports

The decision followed 13 hours of talks among the delegates from 28 cricketing nations at Lord's, London headquarters of the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC), Britain's leading professional cricket

The agreement was reached after England withdrew its own bid to host the 1995 event in order to prevent deadlock under council voting

The delegates in return agreed that the 1998 World Cup will be hosted by England, which staged the first three World Cup competitions in 1975, 1979 and 1983.

England had gained a 5-4 majority of the Test- playing nations in the voting for the 1995 tournament. The British national news agency Press Association said it is thought only newcomer Zimbabwe had sided with India, Pakistan and Shri Lanka.

But a two-thirds (6-3) majority was required to satisfy the rules and the meeting looked set to continue indelinitely until England freed the logiam by withdrawing its bid. ICC secretary John Step-

henson said England's move

was "the most magnanimous,

decent and wonderful gesture

Subject to terms and con-

ditions being acceptable, that man will be David Richards from the Australian Cricket Board, the delegates decided. ACB hails ICC decision

will be joined by three qualificrs. Press Association said the Netherlands, Bangladesh and Canada are the three most likely to emerge. The 1995 World Cup will be

from 28 cricketing nations at Australia has welcomed the de-In return England, hosts of cision by the the first three tournaments in world cricketing 1975, 1979 and 1983, were body, the later promised the 1998 World Cup.

Cup to India, Pakistan and Shri Lonka, reports de por Australian Cricket Board (ACB) chairman Alan Crompton said on Wednesday it was good for world cricket that a deci-

national Cricket Council (ICC)

to award cricket's 1995 World

sion had been taken. Crompton, manager of the Australian side that won the 1987 World Cup by beating England in the final in Calcutta, said the tournament was impeccably run by cohosts India and Pakistan.

There was excellent attention to detail and it ran like clockwork, and I see no reason why it won't be the same again in 1995," Crompton said. The ICC handed the tour-

nament to the sub-continent

after England withdrew its bid

following a deadlocked 13-

held in Australia and New Zcaland for the first time. The 1995 World Cup will consist of the nine Test playing countries plus three ICC trophy members (effectively

the sixth in the competition's

history and the biggest so far.

with 12 countries taking part.

That is three more than last

The nine Test-playing na-

tions - England, Australia

West Indies, New Zealand

South Africa, India, Pakistan,

Shri Lanka and Zimbabwe --

ACB chairman Malcolm Grav

said the important issue was

the event should move around

the world. We would want to

ensure in the future that it

doesn't always remain in one

or two parts of the world," he

three tournaments but then

bowed to pressure from the

sub-continent for a change of

venue. Last year the Cup was

England hosted the first

After England stage the 1998 World Cup, a rota system will be introduced with South Africa lined up to host the

second Division) to be deter-

for the good of international hour meeting of delegates 2001 tournament. Calcutta showed the way: Scindia



CALCUTTA, Feb 3: "Calcutta showed us the way' was the instant reaction of an clated Madhav

Rao Scindia, the president of the Board of Control of Cricket in India, when contacted in London immediately after India, Pakistan and Shri Lanka won the right to host the 1995 World Cup, reports PTI.

Scindia speaking to PTI over telephone from London said, "Our efforts have been successful and Calcutta actually showed us the way," referring to India's win over England in the first cricket Tests at the remarkable victory Eden Gardens yesterday.

"It was a great effort by the three neighbours in the subcontinent. The 1995 World Cup will certainly improve mutual cooperation among the three countries further," Scindia said.

Scindia was leading a fourmember BCCI delegation to

Cricket Council meeting in London to decide the venue of the World Cup. It included Jagmohan Dalmiya, the con-

the crucial International



M SCINDIA

venor of the Joint Bid Committee and I S Bindra, a senior BCCI member. Giving details about the

happenings at the 13-hour long meeting last night, Scindia said a near deadlock situation emerged at the meeting and finally England agreed to withdraw their bid with the condition that they will be offered to host the following World Cup in 1998.

According to another BCCI source in London, though none of the bidders could muster a two-third support of the nine full members of the ICC, which ultimately did the trick. England, who had hosted

1975, 1979 and 1983, will, however, have to pay a 30 per cent raise on the guarantee money the Joint Bid Committec is paying to full and asso late members for the 19 World Cup The Joint Bid Committee has offered to pay 2.50 lakh

the first three World Cups in

pound to each of the nine full members, 1.25 lakh pound to the three playing associate members and one lakh pound to non-playing associate mem-

Asians ecstatic over WC return



LONDON, Feb 3: Cricket fans and officials across Asia were celebrating on Wednesday, after India, Pakistan and Shri Lanka

World Cup, reports AFP. The decision was taken here after a marathon meeting of the International Cricket Council on Tuesday night. After

13 hours of deadlocked talks,

the breakthrough came when

England withdrew its bid to

stage the tournament. In Delhi, C K Khanna, seeretary of the Delhi District Cricket Association, described the ICC's decision as "a great moment for Indian cricket".

The president of the Board of Control for Cricket in Pakistan, Justice Nasim Hasan Shah, said it was a "very happy thing which amounts to reposting a lot of confidence in our ability to organise such an important event".

"It will be a great boost for the game of cricket not only in the region but also the world

Pakistan's Hasceb Ahsan, a former national team manager and chairman of the 1987 World Cup Technical Committee said "It is a great honour and a boost to game of cricket." were chosen to stage the 1995 *Both India and Pakistan

> nising such events without any controversy and this time also they would have the opportunity to prove their organisational abilities," he said. In Colombo, the Shri Lankan Board praised Eng-

have the experience of orga-

land's decision to withdraw its five million pound bid and pave the way for the Asia. "It is really good news," said board spokesman Lal Wickrematunge. "It's a

tremendous gesture on the

part of England to make this move." "The fact that England and Australia did not use the veto showed that they had the game at heart and have done their best for international

ericket." England had a 5-4 majority of the nine Test-playing nations, which was short of the

two-thirds (6-3) majority required under ICC regulations. Newcomers Zimbabwe were believed to have sided with India. Pakistan and Shri Lanka. England's decision came

with a guarantee that they would run the 1998 World Cup. England hosted the first three of the world limitedovers cricket competition in 1975, 1979 and 1983,

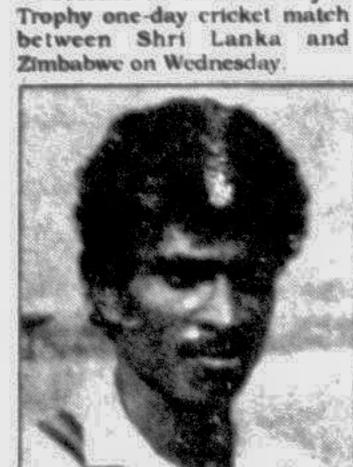
Cameroon's lions to get \$ 60,000 YAOUNDE, Feb 3: Cameroon's hard-up national football

side is to get a 15 million Cameroon Franc (60,000 dollar) boost from oil company total-Cameroon in the run-up to the 1994 World Cup, it was announced here on Tuesday, reports AFP. The money will go towards

making up players' unpaid bonuses and to buying equip-Cameroon survived a near-

mutiny over pay on the eve of the 1990 tournament before 38-year-old Roger Milla led them to the quarter-finals.

SHARJAH, Feb 3: Shri Lanka beat Zimbabwe by 30 runs in the Sharjah Trophy one-day cricket tournament today in a match reduced to 43 overs, reports Reuter.



RAMANAYAKE 3 for 28

Total: [five wickets- 43 Fall of wickets: 1-112; 2 154; 3-165; 4-243; 5-246

Ramanayke,

G Flower c Tillekeratne b Ramanayake K Arnott c Kalpage b Ramanayake D Houghton run out G Briant run out

b Ramanayake A Shah b Wickramasinghe

Fall of wickets: 1-2; 2-20;

Result: Shri Lanka won by 30 runs Women's v'ball

State Minister for Esta-

SYDNEY, Feb 3: The official at the head of Sydney's bid for the 2000 Olympics fears that its chances would be harmed if a weekend strike grounding flights at the city's airport her-

Narayanganj Div I

Sports Reporter Narayanganj Rifle Club (jr) made a good start in the Narayanganj AKM Shamsuzzoha

Batting first Ahmed Jute

ing 28 each.

Earlier in the morning the Deputy Commissioner of Narayanganj Md Habibur Rahman inaugurated the meet as chief Natants at loggerheads with ASI

SYDNEY, Feb 3:

Australia's top

swimmers, including long-distance world champion Kieren Perkins, are embroiled in a bitter officialdom over proposed contracts which

would stop them from signing

up with their won sponsors, reports Reuter. Six elite swimmers, all Barcelona Olympic medalists. have put their careers on the line by refusing to sign compulsory four-year contracts with the sport's administra-

The swimmers involved are six of the seven who gave Australia nine swimming medals in Barcelona-- its best Olympic result in 20 years. Perkins, 19, gold medalist

and 1500m freestyle world

record holder, said he did not

tors, Australian Swimming Inc.

see why someone who was the best in the world should not be rewarded. "Swimming is my job, so I don't see why I should not be rewarded in exactly the same way," he said in a television in-

Perkins, with the potential

to become one of Australia's

sporting millionaires, has the

restraint of their money mak-

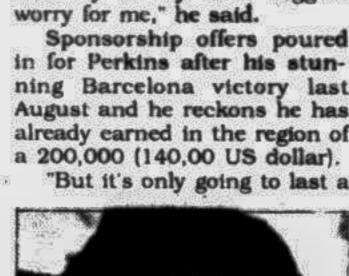
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backing of his family in alleging that the proposed contracts for elite swimmers are a

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yesterday.



KIEREN PERKINS

my long-term career plan... Perform well for my country in swimming," he said. The proposed contracts

prohibit elite swimmers from

entering into any commercial

arrangement with a company

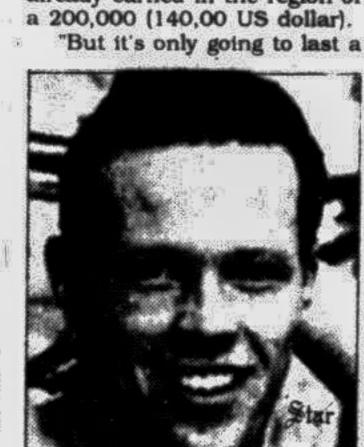
whose products or services

Habibur Rahman, DC of Narayanganj, is being introduced to the players prior to the onset

of 1993 Narayanganj First Division cricket league at the Osmani Stadium

swimming career what I want compete with the ASI's existto achieve out of it comes first, ing sponsors. so fat a gold medals, world records and Olympic achieve-

ments.. And then my financial stability is my next biggest Sponsorship offers poured



short time and that's a lot of the reason why eight years is

medalist Hayley, who said that the ASI was threatening the

They also prevent swimmers from discussing the performance of another swimmer or policy matters relating to the squad or the ASI without its permission.

The Australian Swimming and Supporters Association, a watchdog body formed last week by the swimmers to protect their rights, is to draft a new contract to present to

the ASI later this month.

interested in representing the voice of swimmers, their parents and supporters for the long-term," its vice-president and lawyer Peter Baston said. It's president is Greg Lewis, father of Olympic silver

"The association is really

can also call on swimmers' services for publicity and appearances which Lewis' parents believe would disrupt her

training schedules.

dependence.

he added.

elite swimmers' financial in-

Under the contract the ASI

The ASI has insisted that

"If we are to provide simi-

- Star photo

lar opportunities to the others

we have to generate revenue,"

the proposed contracts are

reasonable. The six Barcelona medalists had "collectively received 55 fully-funded tours internationally by ASI" executive director Simon Allatson said.