Nirman cricket

Sports Reporter Saint Joseph's High School registered a massive-112-run victory against Tejgaon Govt Boys High School in the Dhaka zonal championship for the eleventh Nirman schools cricket tournament at the Dhanmondi Club ground yes-

Batting first, the Josephites amassed 206 losing nine wickets in the stipulated 35 overs with Naim topscoring with 49 and Ferdous and Ishtiaque making 44 and 42 respec-

vesterday.

ries of defeats.

afternoon.

Brothers Union, who have

been enjoying a very indiffer-

ent form of late, could not

have asked for a better result

with their super league posi-

tion at stake, following a se-

ked no nonsense maintaining

a vice like group upon the

vanquished right from the

word go. Their bowlers, spe-

cially the quicker ones bowled

accurately to restrict their op-

position to only 134 and in-

form opening batsmen Zahid

Razzak Masum and Nurul

Abedin Nobel made merry of

the GMCC bowlers later in the

Earlier in the morning.

Brothers skipper Nurul Abedin

Nobel won the toss and pro-

mptly sent GMCC to bat first

Left-arm paceman Morshed

Chowdhury struck the first

blow by removing Rownakul

Islam Tutul with the GMCC

score on 16. Two runs later

Raman Lamba, the Indian Test

discard, left when Didar

gratefully accepted his catch

behind the wicket off Shri

Lankan paceman Fernando.

The handsome Delhi opener

on Lamba this year that once

this right hander was gone the

writing was on the wall for

GMCC. Wickets fell at regular

interval with the Brothers

bowlers, particularly, Fernando

and tall Athar Ali, keeping the

batsman knotted with spot on

batsman got the quicker the

wickets started falling and sit-

uation was so bad at one stage

that seven wickets had gone

wicket partnership of 43 runs

between Sanwar and pace

bowler Jahangir Talukdar Dulu

helped GMCC to cross the

three-figure mark. Sanwar,

who topscored with an un-

Only a sensible eighth-

down for 59 runs only.

More fidgety the GMCC

So heavily GMCC is leaned

could make only eight.

bowling.

Yesterday Brothers broo-

Shohag and Himel took three and two scalps respectively for Tejgaon School.

Tejgaon High School were skittled out for a poor 94 in 22.3 overs with Shahbaz remaining unbeaten on 28 and Chanchal making 24.

Ishtiaq claimed three wickets for 19 and Taskin took two for 15 for Saint Joseph's High School.

Changpai cricket

Sports Reporter Dhaka Wanderers overwhelmed Discipline Boys by a huge 114-run victory in the 1993 Changpai cricket tournament at the Golapbagh ground yesterday, thanks to a fine allround performance from Jahangir.

Jahangir steered Wanderers to an imposing 246 runs for | GMCC's main batting hope, nine in 35 overs with a brilliant 81-run knock after his skipper elected to bat Shafique made 51 while Rana contributed a useful 34.

Rana did well with the ball to return figures of four for 27. In reply, Discipline Boys Club could muster 132 in 35 overs losing eight wickets. Riyaz topscored with 39. Jahangir took two wickets.

Rajshahi cricket Sports Reporter

Baikali Sangha and United Club won their respective matches in the Rajshahi Bhorer Kagaj First Division cricket league yesterday.

At the Rajshahi District Stadium Baikali Sangha registered an exciting eight-run victory against Mukti Sangha. United Club recorded a

massive 104-run victory against Rajshahi Cricket Clinic in the other match of the day at the divisional stadium.

Batting lets GMCC down again

Sports Reporter

beaten 50, proved that pa-

tience was all that the GMCC

batsmen needed to avert the

Batting once again proved to be the bane for the Greater Mym-

ensingh Cricket Sanwar's half century, came Club (GMCC) as off 85 balls and the batsman they suffered a stinging sevendid not pierce the boundary wicket defeat to Brothers for even once. Union at the Dhaka Stadium

Dulu's unorthodox batting fetched him 19 runs with the help of two fours before the gawky cricketer was run out in



NOBEL ... 52

search of quick runs. Pace bowler Saiful, who is more adopt in causing headache for batsmen with his lethal bowling, kept his head down yesterday to remain unbeaten on 11 as the GMCC in-

nings ended at 134 for eight

wickets at the end of the

stipulated quota of 45 overs. Right-arm pace bowler Fernando took two for 36 Athar bowled superbly to finish with figures of two for ten off just ten overs.

Morshed bowled fairly economically to take one for 18 off

Nurul Abedin Nobel, the dashing Brothers opener who hit an unbeaten 114 in the previous match against Bangladesh Biman, was in no mood to spoil his excellent average this season and together with gangling Zahid Razzak Masum, another in-form Brothers batsman, put on 79 for the first wicket.

Runs came off the reel at an exhilarating frequency as the two aggressive batsmen put the GMCC attack to sword. Not even the redoubtable Saiful was spared; whenever the nippy paceman, currently the best in the country, erred in length or

wavered in direction the two men out there in the middle with willows, never hesitated to mete out punishment. A canny Tariquzzaman Munir realised soon that a total of 134 was too meagre to defend and removed his strike bowler only after four overs.

Nobel went after the GMCC bowling solito and left for a quick 52 accumulated off 66 balls. The hard-hitting batsman from Chittagong struck seven boundaries before becoming one of the two victims of Plabon.

Masum, who is known for his powerful cross-batted strokes, played a sedate innings by his standard and remained unbeaten at the kill on 51. He played 76 balls and htt seven fours.

Habibul Bashar Suman continued to be under the spell of jettatura and could score only 15 before becoming a victim of GMCC's Shri Lankan leg break bowler Sanjeeva Weerasinghe. Arup Bhattacharya, the left-

hander from Calcutta who had left his team following police swoop on the dressing room of the Gopibagh club immediately after this year's Damal Summer tournament's final, remained unbeaten on four to ensure a seven-wicket victory for his

Plabon of GMCC took two wickets for 42 runs while Sanjeeva Weerasinghe took one for 30.

With this win Brothers have somewhat redeemed their position raising their collection to eight from seven matches. GMCC, who started with a bang this season, succumbed to their second successive defeat to remain at eight from six matches. Earlier, they had lost to Gulshan Youth Club, which came as whimper following their rather confounding tenwicket victory against title aspirants Abahani Krira Chakra.

Meanwhile, the championship deciding match of the Milnars First Division cricket league between Dhanmondi and Wari Club fell through as some of the players failed to turn up because of the by-election aftermath. The match will

be played tomorrow. TODAY'S MATCH

Mohammedan vs. Bangla desh Biman (Dhaka Stadium)

3.6m tickets on sale, price ranges from \$ 25-\$ 475 Ticket sales plans for WC '94 unveiled



NEW YORK, Feb 4: World Cup USA officials on Wednesday unveiled tickets prices

and sales plans for the 1994 soccer championship, which will culminate in a

Rose Bowl Stadium final where the top ticket will cost

Bangabir clinch Jadukar Samad soccer title

Sports Reporter Bangabir Sangsad emerged as champion in the second Jadukar Samad memorial juventle football tournament.

Bangabir Sangsad edged past Diamond Sporting Club by four goals to two in the tiebreaker in the final at the Dhaka Hockey Stadium yester-Both teams were locked 1-1

after the regulation period. Saju took Bangabir one up in the fifth minute of the first session while Moloy restored parity for Diamond Sporting ten minutes into the second

Iqbal, Khokon, Chanchal and Saju found the mark for Bangabir while Mohsin and Bappi scored for Diamond Sporting in the penalty shoot-

Azad of Diamond Sporting was adjudged the player-ofthe-tournament. Bhai Bhai Sporting Club of Chandpur received the best-disciplined team award while Khokon Chandra of Bangabir Sangsad won the highest scorer trophy.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain Khoka distributed the prizes as chief

Renowned sports personalities of the country also

watched the final. In his speech Sadek Hossain said that the government was seriously consider ing the plea to name the

Mirpur Stadium after Syed Abdus Samad, the legendary footballer of the sub-continent. Badruddoza Chowdhury Deputy Leader of the Parliament, had made the same promise last year when

he distributed prizes as chief guest. But nothing came into being. Twenty teams in four

groups participated in this year's tournament.

TEAMS

BANGABIR: Khoka, Iqbal, Ripon, Nawab, Amin, Ujjal Suman). Masum, Khokon Chandra, Chanchal and Saju. DIAMOND SC: Majnu, buman, Monir, Azad, Kamal,

Bappi, Moloy, Mohsin, Azad,

Inwar and Anis (Jamal).

US dollar 475, reports Reuter. Some 3.6 million tickets record number for a World

Cup - will be up for sale with approximately 65 per cent distributed in the United States and 35 per cent internationally, World Cup USA chairman Alan Rothenberg said.

Tickets are divided into three categories by price with the least expensive, and most plentiful, ones priced as low as 25 for firstround matches. Cheaper tickets for the round of 16 will be priced at 35, 55 for the quarterfinals, 90 US dollar for the semifinals and 180 US dollar for the final.

This is like the second kick off of the World Cup today," said FIFA general secretary Joseph Blatter. "There is exactly 500 days left until the first match."

"I am confident and trust our American friends when they say we will sell all these tickets and that all seats will be occupied for all 52 matches.

The cheapest, "Category 3" seats will be behind the goals. Category 2 seats, in the corners, will cost 45 dollar for the first round, 60 US dollar for the round of 16, 80 US dollar for the quarter finals, 200 US dollar for the semifinals and 300 US dollar for the fi-

Category 1 seats, from endline to endline, will cost 65 US dollar for the first round, 85 US dollar for the round of 16, 140 US dollar for the quarterfinals, 300 US dollar for the semifinals and 475 US dollar for the final.

The average ticket price for

the tournament is 58 US dollar and officials said they hoped for gross ticket revenues to exceed 200 million.

A multi-stage plan for US distribution was explained giving those connected to the US soccer community an early chance to buy tickets before mail and telephone orders are accepted starting in June.



JOSEPH BLATTER

Details of international tickets distribution will be revealed on March 3, Rothenberg said.

The 35 per cent international portion will be divided among FIFA and its affiliated football associations, to sponsors and World Cup travel services which will coordinate the sales of tickets and tour packages to authorised tour opera-

"I think it's a realistic balance," FIFA press officer Guido Tognoni said about the * domestic international split.

"It's good for the Americans to have 65 per cent . We've

never had more than two million tickets for one country." Blatter said the growth of

soccer in the United States would receive a big boost after American fans were exposed to the World Cup.

"Football in the US cannot stop with the 1994 World Cup," Blatter said. "It must go on. This is only a step in the

popularity of the games." Tickets initially will be offered in blocks for all four first round matches and the round of 16 at a particular stadium. A limit of 10 such blocks may be purchased by any one individual or business to thwart

scalpers. Tickets to later round matches will be made available to the public in the autumn of 1993 and any remaining tickets to individual games will go on sale in February 1994.

Nearly 55 per cent of all tickets will be sold to the general public, assured Rothenberg, who said the World Cup would not become "a corporate event only for sponsors.

Rothenberg shrugged of the suggestion that the cost of tickets, available at first only for groups of games, would be too expensive for young, working class families.

Strategic summit on soccer in USA

CHICAGO, Feb 4: More than 200 US soccer leaders will hold four days of meeting starting today on the future of soccer in the United States in what is billed as the strategic summit, reports Reuter.



The second Jadukar Samad memorial juvenile football champions Bangabir Sangsad players and officials at the Dhaka Hockey Stadium yesterday - Star photo

Gooch has to do it all over again

LONDON, Feb 4: England captain Graham Gooch will have to score his 100th firstclass century all over again following a ruling by the International Cricket Council (ICC) announced on Wed nesday, reports Reuter.

Cricket's world governing body decided at a meeting in London that none of the matches played by rebel teams in South Africa during the international boycott years should rank as first-class.

Explaining the decision in a brief statement, ICC secretary John Stephenson said: "These tours were not authorised by any member country of the

It not only leaves Gooch one short of his century of centuries but means that the records of dozens of cricketers from England, West Indies, Australia and Shri Lanka who made unofficial tours to the republic between 1982 and 1990 will have to be re-writ-

Gooch scored a century during the first rebel England tour in 1982 which paved the way for those by other countries.

Until recently scores from all those matches had been included in the record books, including Wisden, revered as the game's bible.

The issue was highlighted when Gooch scored what he hoped was his 100th first-class century during England's current tour of India.

DeFreitas ready to go

CALCUTTA, Feb 4: Phil DeFreitas, England's leading pace bowler, has recovered from an injury that threatened to rule him out of the tour of India and will play in a threeday game starting on Friday, reports Reuter.

Lancashire paceman DeFreitas, who tore a thigh muscle when he slipped in the shower two weeks ago, has been cleared to play against the Rest of India XI at Vishakhapatnam after intense physiotherapy.

DeFreitas said: "It feels as good as new. I've been bowling flat out in practice for the last couple of days with no reaction at all. I'm really chuffed (happy) because I was starting to get a bit depressed.

It has obviously been a bit of a scare for me and I was very concerned because it was an old injury that I've already cleared up once with rest and treatment.

His return is good news for England, who this week lost the opening Test to India by eight wickets.

Defreitas will be joined in Friday's team by the other five who did not figure in the first Test, including spinners Phil Tufnell and John Embrurey who hope to press their own claims for a place in the second Test at Madras starting on February 11.

Opener Michael Atherton, who had to pull out of the Calcutta Test because of illness, hopes to take the opportunity to reclaim his place. The stability Atherton brings to the top of the order is badly needed in Madras after England's batting failures in the first Test.

Emburey said: "The tour so far has been a little bit disjointed- there's been too little cricket. Both Phil Tufnell and I just need to get into a rhythm.

Old Ideals Div II h'ball champs Sports Reporter

Old Ideals' emerged as un-

beaten champions in the 1993 Second Division handball league when they beat Christfan Youth Club by 18 goals to 15 in their last super league match at the Outer Stadium handball court yester-

Progati Boys Club finished runners-up while Christian Youth Club and Nawabpur Sporting Club will clash in a play-off match tomorrow for the third place of the league. All the above four teams

have already qualified for the First Division league next sea-Yesterday the eventual champions Old Ideals led the

first session 12-8. Sharif and Suman netted eight and four goals respectively for Old Ideals while Salahuddin got seven goals for

Christian Youth. Nawabpur Sporting Club beat Kurmitola Apollo Club 20-17 in the other match of the

Dulal with 16 goals did most of the scoring for Nawabpur Sporting while Reza and Khalequzzman scored six and five goals respectively for Kurmitola Apollo.

ROLL OF HONOUR Following is the roll-ofhonour of the Second Division handball league.

1987 Christian Youth Ekofa SC Victoria SC 1990 West Jatrabari 1991 Not held 1992 Old Ideals

Raja, Anwar share record partnership as

Pakistan lift Sharjah Trophy



SHARJAH, Feb 4: A record Pakistan opening stand between centurymakers Rameez Raja and Saeed

Anwar powered the one-day wor-ld cricket cham-pions to the Sharjah Trophy today, reports Reuter. Pakistan, led by new captain

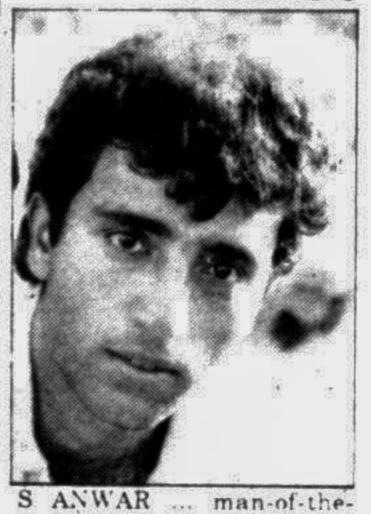
Wasim Akram, beat Shri Lanka by 114 runs in the final, piling up 281 for three and restricting their opponents to 167 for seven in a match reduced to 41 overs by the island team's slow out-cricket. Rameez struck an unbeaten 109 and Saeed hit 110, the

openers putting on 204 to beat Pakistan's previous record in any limited overs international of 202, also against Shri Lanka. By scoring his eighth oneday international hundred, Rameez became Pakistan's leading century maker. He

Zaheer Abbas. Both openers pounded the hapless and mediocre Shri Lankan attack at will, averaging

shared the previous mark of

seven with Javed Miandad and



more than six runs on over, with Saced the more aggressive and first to three figures. Saced hammered nine fours

made his runs off 114 deliveries, hitting eight fours. Shri Lanka's over rate of 12 per hour was the slowest in a Sharjah international and they were ultimately nine overs short of the scheduled total of

and one six in an innings of

only 104 balls while Rameez

Inzamam-ul-Haq, 20 off 12 balls and Wasim Akram, 22 in

11, helped to capitalise on the

opening stand. Shri Lanka were never in the hunt when faced with an asking rate of virtually seven

runs an over. Opener Roshan Mahanama fell without scoring, Aravinda de Silva went for nine and, at 15 for two, Shri Lanka were condemned to an unavailing



struggle against the pacemen. Akram did most of the damage with four for 24.

' All-rounder Akram was named man-of-the-series with Saeed man-of-the final.

Akram said afterwards: "We are still the best team in the world. In the forthcoming tour of South Africa and the West Indies we aim to prove that The Australian tour per-

formance is behind us. Every team in the past has lost matches in Australia, so we don't think the Australian results were a true reflection of our team's capabilities." Akram said he had signed a

four-year contract with Lancashire and was looking forward to playing in England again. He made his debut with the country in 1988.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the Sharjah Trophy one-day cricket final between Pakistan and Shri Lanka today. PAKISTAN:

Saeed Anwar c Ramanayake b Gurusinha 110 Rameez Raja not out 109 Inzamam -ul-Haq c Wickramasinghe b Ramanayake Wasim Akram b Gurusinha

Javed Miandad not out

Extras: (lb 6, w-2) Total (Three wickets-41 oversl 281 Fall of wickets: 1-204: 2-

231: 3-267 Did not bat: Salim Malik. Rashid Latif, Wagar Younis, Mushtaq Ahmed, Asif Mujttaba, Aaqib Javed

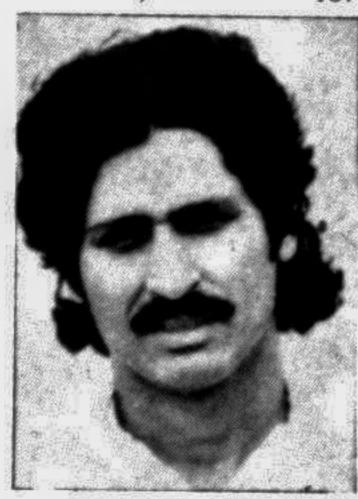
Bowling: Ramanayake Wickramasinghe 5 Gurusinha Ranatunga Warnaweera 39

Kalpage 24 SHRI LANKA: R. Mahanama lbw b Akram C Haturusinghe c Mushtaq

b Aagib A de Silva lbw b Aagib A. Gurusina run out A Ranatunga lbw b Akram H Tillekeratne Ibw

b Akram R.Kalpage not out N. Ranatunga lbw b Akram C. Ramanayake not out Extras: [b-4, lb-6, w-11, nb-3]

Total. (for seven wickets in 41 oversl



RAMEEZ RAJA...109 n o Did not bat: P Wickre-

masinghe, J Warnaweera Fall of Wickets: 1-4, 2-15, 3 105, 4-139, 6-162, 7-162 Bowling: OM RW Wasim Akram 10 3 24 4 10 2 30 2 Aaqib Jayed Mushtaq Ahmed 10 0 59 0

Wagar Younis

Salim Malik

Result: Pakistan won by 114 Man-of-the-match! Saeed Man-of-the-series; Wasim

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Aggressive Agassi marches on



Feb 4: Andre Agassi used scorching ground strokes to defeat Patrick McEnroe 6-0, 6-2 Wedn-esday night in the second round of the dirs

300,000 Volvo-San Francisco tournament, reports AP. This is the most prepared I've been starting a tournament and especially the year," said

Agassi, top seed in the tourney Last year, Agassi started off badly and got worse, dropping out of the top 10 rankings for the first time since May 1988. He fell all the way to 17th last April before regrouping to win his first Grand Slam title at Wimbledon.

The difference between now and then is a more settled

Graf, Navratilova in Toray Open qtrs

YOKOHAMA, Japan, Feb 4: Steffi Graf and Martina Navratilova, the two top seeds, advanced Thursday into the quarterfinals of the dirs 750,000 Toray Pan Pacific Open tennis tournament after more than half of the other sceds dropped out after the first two rounds, reports AP.

New BU committee Sports Reporter

Noted Industrialist Amanullah Miah retained his position as the president of Brothers Union Club in the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held at the club premises yesterday.

He will lead the 31-member executive committee which will have Tapan Chowdhury as the new general secretary. He replaced long serving general secretary Kazi Mishu. The influential official will act as one of the seven vice-presidents of the club.

The new executive committee will form various subcommittees soon.

International jr tennis from Feb 22 The seventh Bangladesh

international junior tennis championships will be held at the National Tennis Complex February 22 to 28, reports BSS. Players from more than 50

of the International Tennis Federation (ITF). The local players have been requested to send their entries for the boys' singles and doubles and girls' singles and doubles by February 15.

routine and more discipline, said Agassi, currently ninth in the world.

"I've been working really hard the past few weeks and giving myself as good a chance as possible to win," he said "It's coming together."

Agassi seemed to have it all together against McEnroe,



AGASSI ... aggressive

who struggled with his serve throughout the match. Using his power strokes to move his opponent around the court, Agassi never faced a break point during the 64-minute match.

McEnroe got only 31 per cent of his first serves in and double faulted six times, including once at break point with the second set tied 2-2. "I've been changing a few things trying to get it (his serve) to improve, but part of

the problem was who I'm play-

ing against," said McEnroe,

whose brother John was in the

audience. Third seed Jaime Oncins of Brazil advanced to the quarterfinals when South Africa's Gary Muller retired in the third set due to an ankle injury. Oncins lost the first set 2-6, came back to win the second 6-4 and was ahead 4-2 when Muller was forced to quit.

Muller twisted his right ankle late in the second set, and a trainer wrapped it during a changeover. But Muller, who fired 12 aces, was clearly hurting during the third set.

In earlier matches, sixthseeded Jeff Tarango crased a three-game deficit in the second set to beat Robbie Weiss 6-2, 7-5. Weiss took advantage of

Tarango's unforced errors and countries have been invited to soft second serve and broke take 'part in the seven-day him in the second game en tournament - a calender event route to taking 3-0 lead. Tarango broke back in the fifth game and then used precise placement shots to even the set at three games apiece.

He avoided a tiebreaker by breaking Weiss in the 11th

No. 8 seed Marcos Ondruska of South Africa rallied to defeat Australia's Jamie Morgan 6-3, 2-6, 6-4.

Reefat needs half a point more

Sports Reporter

National champion Reefat bin Sattar needs a draw in his ninth and final round match today against Shafiq Ahmed to retain the national junior chess FIDE master Reefat now has full eight points while Shafiq Ahmed has seven points from eight matches each.

Reefat and Shafiq won their matches against Shafful Azam and Mahmudunnabi Lelin respectively. Four players-Kazi Taherul Islam, Ruhul Islam Bobby,

Yesterday at the National

Sports Council chess room

Azam- have earned six points T & T meet ends

Abdullah Al-Rakib and Shafful

Dhaka zone became champions in the annual sports competition of Bangladesh Telegraph and Telephone Board earning 22 medals including 10 golds at Mohakhali in the city yesterday, reports

The Revenue and Accounts Department became runnersup with 18 medals including nine golds.

Police, BU win in NBL volleyball Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Police and Brothers Union registered straight sets wins in the NBL First Division volleyball league at the Outer Stadium volleyball court yesterday.

Police had to play their best to beat Sonali Bank 15-12, 16-14 and 15-9 in an 80-minute encounter while Brothers needed 14 minutes less to take care of Bangladesh Fire Service 15-5, 15-4 and 15-

The other match between Dilkusha and Madartek was in progress at the time of filing this report.

tween UNICEF and WFP takes place today at the Abahani playground at Dhanmondi, reports UNB. The UN coordinator in

Bangladesh Charles H Larsimont will watch the match as chief guest and distribute prizes among the winners.

FUNSA crickets tie The FUNSA cricket tie be-