Crammed int'l calendar ahead



With the subcontinent bracing for a second staging of the World Cup world championship of

limited-over cricket - Bangladesh is in for a heetic cricket schedule. The calendar is virtually crammed with visits by foreign teams as well as visits abroad by the national team.

Bangladesh, who are being tipped as one of the three teams to fill in the proliferated quota of 12 participants in the next World Cup alongside the nine Test-playing nations, will have the most of the programme unfolded before the ICC Trophy championship to be held early next year in

Talking to the journalists yesterday, Raisuddin Ahmed, vice president of the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) who had been to London to take part in the meeting of the International Cricket Conference (ICC) last week, revealed that Bangladesh would go to Shri Lanka some time between

Rajshahi cricket

Sports Reporter

Baikali Sangha registered an casy 77-run victory against Sunrise Club in the Raishahi Bhorer Kagaj First Division cricket league at the divisional stadium yesterday.

Electing to bat Baikali Sangha made 166 for the loss of six wickets in 35 overs with Bobby topscoring with 72 and Tuhin and Shahadat making 31 and 21 respectively.

Moudud and Khuda Bux Mridha took two wickets each for Sunrise Club. Sunrise Club were skittled

out for a paltry 89 in 25.2

Babu captured four wickets for nine runs while Tuhin and Nuru shared four wickets between them.

Changpai cricket

Sports Reporter A live-wicket haul and a

match-winning knock of 42 by Momin powered Winners Club to a convincing five-wicket victory against Mugda Cricketers in the Changpai Cup cricket tournament at the Golaphagh ground yesterday. Batting first Mugda

Cricketers were all out for 100 runs with Pintu topscoring with 45. Momin claimed his five

scalps for 29 runs while Sena took three wickets conceding only six runs.

In reply Wirmers Club made

103 losing five wickets with Momin scoring 42

Amin took three wickets for 27 runs

Biman squash

Sports Reporter

Five matches of the inaugural Biman Open squash tournament were held yesterday, the second day of the 12-day meet, at the Dhaka Club squash court yesterday.

The recent fifth Bangladesh Games champion Bhola Chauhan outplayed Faisal 9-0, 9-0; Rumi defeated Ibrahim 9-1, 9-4; Samad beat Ranjit 4-9, 9-0, 9-0; Gopal trounced Rana 9-1, 9-1 and Ali Murad eliminated Francois 9-1, 9-1 in their respective matches yesterday.

Schools, madrassah meet in Ctg

Sports Reporter

The five-day 22nd national winter athletics and games competition for school and madrassah students will begin from February 12 at the Chittagong Stadium.

Minister for Education Barrister Jamir Uddin Sircar will grace the opening ceremony, scheduled for 10 am start, as chief guest, Mir M Nasiruddin, the Mayor of Chittagong City Corporation, will be a special guest at the ceremony, which will be presided over by Professor Younus Mian, the Director General of the Secondary and Higher Education Board.

The athletics events will be 'held in three different groups - senior, intermediate and juniors.

Minister appraised the role of Athletes representing four the Bangladesh Sports Photo divisions - Dhaka, Rajshahi, Journalists' Association Khulna and host Chittagong -(BSPJA) a newly constituted will individually participate in body, for holding the first ever 11 track field events sports photo contest and assured them of all possible help

Sports programme on Indian TV

NEW DELHI, Feb 9: Doordarshan and All India Radio will broadcast special sports programmes daily from February 15, reports PTI.

The programmes, which will be of one-hour duration from the metros and 30 minutes from the regional centres, will be an addition to the regular and normal coverage provided by the two electronic media, a spokesman of the Information and Broadcasting Ministry told PTI here yester-

August and September next to make things hum. Bangladesh will then host the full strength Pakistan national team, expected to be in

Dhaka by November. Pakistan, the reigning world champions, were in fact supposed to visit Bangladesh this winter but the seventh President Cup football tournament gummed up the BCCB works, as the Dhaka Stadium, the main venue for any international cricket match, re-

mained occupied for football. The Pakistani visit will be reciprocated as Bangladesh will go to Pakistan to take part in the twice postponed Asia Cup championship, programmed for the fag end of

Bangladesh will also play a number of matches in Pakistan as part of their preparation for the ICC Cup, to be held from February 12 to March 6 next year in Kenya.

The BCCB's plan of getting Mudassar Nazar, the former Pakistani Test cricketer, as a coach is sure to go awry as the former opening batsman has already been appointed coach of the Pakistan national team. However, the BCCB official apprised the journalists of a tacit arrangement through which the former Pakistani cricketer,

who had been in Dhaka a four years ago to coach the Bangladesh team, can be roped in for a short stint of eoaching. Zimbabwe, who earlier

agreed to visit Bangladesh this March but are now left with no other option but to go back on their words because of a packed schedule, may help Bangladesh by hosting a short tour to acclimatise our boys with the higher altitude - a proposition Bangladesh will have to come to terms with when they go to Kenya to vie for a place in the next World Cup as the top three finishers of the ICC Cup. Apart from the national team, one Bangladeshi umpire will be there in Kenya to officiate the ICC Trophy

matches. With the return visit of the Bangladesh team to West Bengal of India shelved effectively for this year because of the communal disturbance and all that, Raisuddin Ahmed, who has been picked as one of the six members of the ICC Trophy managing committee, said that members of the Indian delegation at the ICC meeting had assured him of visits by the Indian national team this year if there is no further trouble.

About the more immediate plans, Raisuddin Ahmed informed the newsmen of the BCCB's plan to send a 'genuine' under-19 team to Nepal to take part in a mini-cricket tournament in Kathmandu. scheduled to begin in the last

week of this month. The BCCB's plan to groom them young has been further propelled by the World Youth Cup cricket tournament, seheduled to be held in Kualalumpur, Malaysia in July, this year.

MONEY MATTERS

The Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) will be richer for 2,25,000 pounds sterling if Bangladesh can qualify for the next World Cup cricket championship, to be hosted jointly by India, Pakistan and Shri Lanka in

However, God forbid, 11 Bangladesh cannot find themselves within the top three in the qualifying ICC meet in Kenya, even then Bangladesh will be get 1,00,000 pounds like all other ICC Associate Members.

The first instalment of the money, ploughed back by the ICC for amelioration of the game in the backward countries, will start coming to the BCCB coffers by October this

Juventus fall further behind fine home record this season tenegrin Dejan Savicevic, AC ROME. Feb 9:

JEAN-PIERRE PAPIN

Lazio, two points behind

Internazionale, who drew 0-0

MILAN'S 54TH

Bergamo, things were easy for

all-conquering Milan, who took

their two season-long unbeaten

league run to 54 matches, de-

feating bottom club Pescara 4-

which Frenchman Jean-Pierre

Papin scored a double, with

the other goals coming from

Roberto Donadoni and Mon-

22 strong division, are only 3-

after Monday's performances

to Leeds for Eric Cantona,

transferred for 1.2 million

pounds sterling (1.72 million

dollar) to United earlier this

season and who was duly booed

PETER SCHMEICHEL

by most of the 34,000 crowd

whenever he touched the ball.

man produced several pieces

of enterprise but was also

booked in the 30th minute for

elbowing defender John

Leeds without the injured

Gordon Strachan, Chris Fair-

clough, David Weatherall and

David Rocastle, were forced to

Newsome.

Unperturbed, the French-

they have little to fear.

l against being relegated but

The match marked a return

Leeds, in 14th place in the

Speaking after a game in

While Juventus struggled in

at Cagliari.

0 at the San Stro.



Italian soccer giants Juventus lost another bout in their battle to keep up with run-

away leaders AC Milan, going down 2-1 at Atalanta to sink an embarrassing 13 points behind the champions, reports The Turin side, accustomed

to life in the top flight, now lie in fifth place in the league. They had not been beaten

by Atalanta in Bergamo since 1963, but coach Giovanni Trapattori was gracious in de-"This was a fair result

Atalanta were more incisive, while we conceded too much space and were duly punished," he said. Trapattoni appears happy

with his attacking formation, however, and said he intended to continue playing the "five star" attack of Pier Luigic Casiraghi, Gianluca Vialli, Roberto Baggio, Englishman David Platt and German Andreas

Moeller equalised for Juventus after Atalanta had gone ahead in the 36th minute through Carlo Perroen, but Maurizioganz scored again in the 72nd improving Atalanta's

ed a point clear at the top of

the English Premier League on

Monday as they drew 0-0 at

champions Leeds, reports

fiercely contested affair but

Leeds almost grabbed three

points with a powerful and

perfectly directed McAllister

header in the dying moments.

dived swiftly to his left to pull

off one of the best saves of his

favourites to win the champi-

onship with second placed

Aston Villa, who have a game

Sports photograph

exhibition ends

Sports Reporter

sports photo exhibition ended

yesterday at the National Press

Shamsul Huq Tenku of

Bhorer Kagaj won the top prize

while Khaled Haider of Dainik

Dinkal and Mahbub Hossain

Nabin of Dainik Sangbad fin-

ished second and third re-

The prize-giving ceremony

was held yesterday with State

Minister for Youth and Sports

Sadek Hossain Khoka doing

In his speech the Sports

The BSPJA secretary A K M

Mohsin of the Daily Star deliv-

ered the welcome speech.

Tawfiq Aziz Khan, Managing

Editor of The Daily Star and an

adviser of the BSPJA, and the

also spoke on the occasion.

present as a special guest.

association president Md

Malcolm Fry, Managing Di-

rector of Bangladesh Tobacco

Co Ltd, the sponsors, was

All the 99 exhibited pho-

tographs by 25 photographers

were taken during the seventh

President Gold Cup football

tournament held last month.

the honours as chief guest.

from the government.

The two-day Gold Leaf

in hand, at 13-8.

Club in the city.

spectively.

United are now 11-8 on

career at the foot of the post.

But the Danish goalkeeper

United had the edge in a

Reuter.

LONDON, Feb 9:

A memorable save

chel a minute

by Peter Schmei-

from time pushed

Manchester Unit-

to 18 points from 10 games. Milan president Silvio Ber-They are joint third with lusconi said.

> created. "However, the best thing of all is something else, it is the way they were still striving hard when they were 4-0 up, trying to score another goal. That's the right Milan mental-

"I'm pleased with the re-

sult, the goals and the chances

Coach Kabio Capello probably sent shivers down his opponents' spines after the game, when he told a radio reporter, "We played well today and this game shows that we are improving." Milan go to Atalanta next

Sunday. Lazio produced the other strong performance of the day, defeating Fiorentina 2-0 in

Florence. England midfielder Paul Gascoigne, picked in preference to German Thomas Doll, lasted the full 90 minutes and played well, setting up the

second goal for Diego Fuser. Lazio coach Dino Zoff said: "This was an important win but not an all decisive result. For us, the important thing is to ensure qualification for the UEFA Cup - no small achievement.

Schmeichel owes M United one give a full debut to 17-year-old

first-year professional Rob Downman*but the youngster acquitted himself well. Schmeichel also pulled off fine saves from Tony Dorigo as Leeds upped their pace in the

second half. But United also had good chances through Ryan Giggs. later substituted, Cantona and Marky Hughes.

Leeds have still not beaten United in 10 meetings since returning to the top flight in

Soccer coaching

The selection committee of the Bangladesh Football Federation has picked 120 players under 14 years of age for an intensive coaching programme, says a press release.

All the selected players participated in the Ma-o-Moni Gold Cup juvenile football championship held last year. The coaching programme will begin some time next

month.

School sports The annual sports competi-

tion of Gandaria High School was held at the school premises yesterday. About 100 students of the

school including 40 girls took part in 27 events. State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain Khoka

was present as the chief guest

and distributed the prizes.

St Joseph's in Nirman final Sports Reporter

Naimul wiped the cream of the St Gregory's High School batting order with a deadly spell to give St Joseph's High School an astonishingly easy 85-run victory in the Dhaka zone final of the 11th Nirman schools cricket tournament at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

St Joseph's High will be up against Little Willes Flower High School in the final, tentatively scheduled for Feb 15.

Having won the toss Pappu, the Josephite skipper, told his openers to pad up but soon saw his side staggering on 25 for two wickets. The skipper then walked in to join forces with Tahsin and the two took the total to 85 when Tahsin went back to the pavilion for 20. Pappu lest 12 runs later after a responsible 50-ball 40, the top score of the Josephite innings. With his departure wickets fell regularly and it was mainly due to Ishtiaque who held up one end till the 32nd over that St Joseph's reached an impressive 162 in 34.5 overs. Ishtiaque made 37 off 34 balls

Rajib troubled the Josephite batsmen with his fine bowling spell which earned him four wickets for only 29 runs. Sumon and Partha claimed two each.

The fate of the match was decided very early in the St Gregory's innings. Set to chase a not-impossible target of 163 in 35 overs the Gregorians were left dumbfounded by Naimul who rattled the wickets of the top three batsmen with devastating new-ball

Having lost the first three wickets for 18 the St Gregory's cricketers never recovered and struggled to 77 before being all out in 27.4 overs.

Natmul returned the breathtaking figures of 7-2-9-3. Ishtiaque claimed two for 21 and was aptly adjudged the man-of-the-match.

Niaz posts wins in Calcutta Sports Reporter

Niaz Morshed, the lone Grand-master of the country. won his first two matches of the Goodricke open chess tournament now being held in Calcutta, says a press release of the Bangladesh Chess Federation (BCF) Niaz, who had a telephonic

talk with the BCF secretary Mujibur Rahman, did not give any further details. The positions of the other

three Bangladeshi players -IWM Rant Hamid, Ziaul Kader Tuhin and Sheikh Anwar Hossain — could not be ascertained. Meanwhile PTI adds.

Grandmasters Tiviakov, Julian Hodgson and Evmenkov shared the lead at the end of the third round of the 4th Goodricke International Open chess championship at the Gorky Sadan here yesterday. On the top board second

seed Sergei Tiviakov of Russia scored a facile victory over International Master SC Sahu of Orissa.

Tiviakov adopted the English system against Sahu's Sicilian Naidort variation and both players followed the established theoretical continuation till 19 moves. On the 20th move the Russian GM came up with a theatrical novelty which won a pawn-without any compensation.

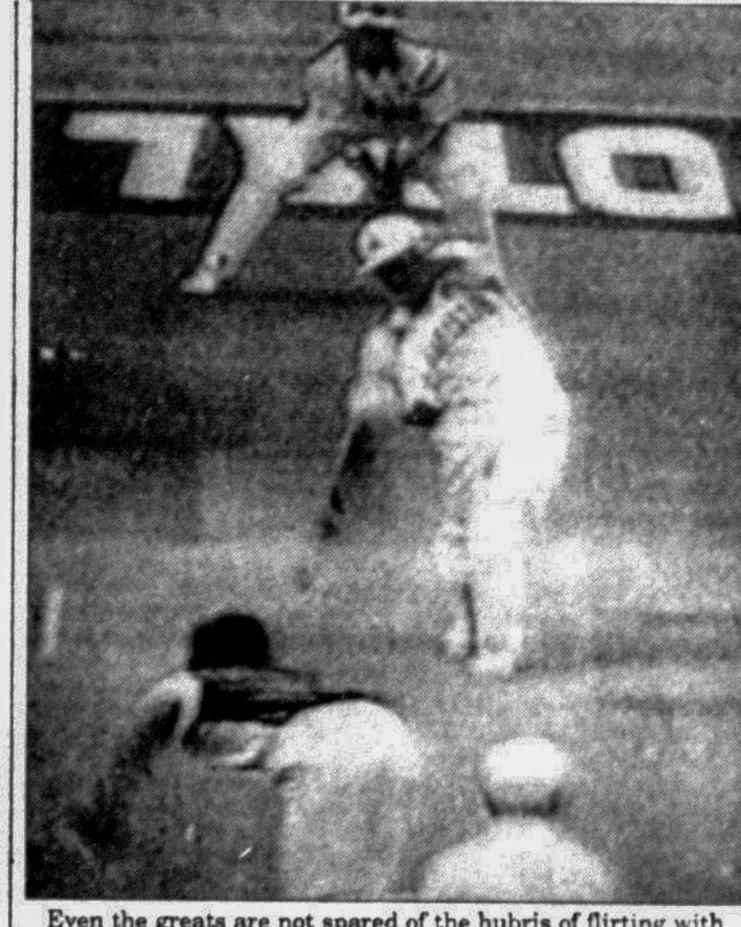
Sahu sacrificed another pawn on the 27th move but could not get any counterplay. Threatened with unavoidable loss of an exchange, Sahu resigned on the 45th move.

Niru in lead Sports Reporter

Neyamul Huq Niru with six and a half points led the table of the Zia memorial chess tournament on completion of the seventh round matches yesterday at the Tamanna Complex in Kachukhet. Kalimullah Khan Kalam and

Mizanur Rahman Labu have carned six points each. Mehdi Hassan Palash and

Milky have five and a half points each.



Even the greats are not spared of the hubris of flirting with basics of the game. Javed Miandad of Pakistan was not bothered yesterday once to use his feet while trying a drive off McMillan of South Africa. The retribution was quick to follow - an easy snick for Dave Richardson behind the wicket.

May has two days to recover

ADELAIDE, Feb 9: Off-spinner Tim May is racing to overcome a finger injury before Australia departs for their cricket tour of New Zealand on Thursday, reports AP.

May said Tuesday that he believed his right index finger - the finger he uses for spinning the ball - was making good progress.

May has not played cricket since he suffered the injury during his unbeaten innings of 42 in the fourth Test against the West Indies at the Adelaide Oval last month. He was struck a number of

times on the right hand by the West Indies pace bowlers, and even though X-rays cleared him of any serious bone damage he was forced to miss the fifth Test in Perth and has been undergoing constant treatment over the past fort-

May said doctors' opinions remained divided as to whether there was a fracture at the top of the finger. He said he tested the injury

during a practice session at the Adelaide Oval indoor nets Monday and felt no discomfort. It didn't hurt too much

when I bowled yesterday, and I'm confident I'll be right for the tour," May said.

GMCC outplay Victoria

Sports Reporter

The Greater My mensingh Cricket Club (GMCC) dented further babes Victoria's hopes of hitting the he-

adlines on their reappearance in the big league after a long time, outplaying them by seven wickets in yesterday's only match of the Navana Premier Division cricket league at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Victoria, who sounded off their arrival in the eleven-team Navana league this year with some big signings, suffered their sixth defeat yesterday, a fact which leaves them with six points from nine outings and a very tenuous prospect of making it to the six-team super league, let alone winning the title to call for a Napoleonesque epithet.

A fifth-wicket partnership of 88 runs between skipper Roquibul Hassan and Calcuttan Gautam Some Tormed the backbone of Victoria's paltry total of 170 for seven wickets after Tariquzzaman Munir, the Saiful Islam, GMCC's strike

bowler, delivered the goods carly by dispatching two batsmen - Sajid and Raja Venkat, the other Calcuttan playing for Victoria — with only 30 runs on the board within the first nine overs of the innings. GMCC's foreign recruit

Raman Lamba got into the act soon and bowled number three Selim Shahed for 10 and Victoria were reduced to 47 for three. Although Lamba did, not get any more wickets, his accurate inswingers caused frustration among the batsmen and made the writing on the wall for the Victoria batsmen all the more legible. Roquibul's experience held

him in good stead and together with Gautam Some he fifth-wicket.

accumulated 88 runs for the Roquibul, the former national skipper who has set the rare distinction of playing with his son Sajib, remained unSome scored 42 before being run out.

Victoria finally ended their campaign on 170 for seven wickets from their quota of 45 Raman Lamba returned fine bowling figures of 29. Saiful

> spinner Sanjeeva Weerasinghe took two for 35. Plabon claimed one for 25. GMCC were never in trouble, although they were three down at one stage for 88 runs. Raman Lamba and Sanjeeva Weerasinghe then conjured up

> spent 30 runs for his two

scalps while Shri Lankan leg'

fourth wicket to post 171 in 39.5 overs. Prince, Jahangir Shah Badshah and Gautam Some of Victoria took one wicket each. With this win GMCC raise

their points collection to ten

from seven matches.

an 83-run partnership for the

There are no matches scheduled for today because of the hartal call. The league will resume Thursday.

Tufnell — bewitching, bewitched MADRAS, India,

beaten on 51 while Gautam



Feb 9: Phil Tufnell, England's gifted, yet wayward left-arm spinner, treads perp-

etually the thin line between exile and acclaim, reports Reuter. This week, as England approached the vital second Test

with India in Madras, the 26year-old Londoner showed the worst of his character and the best of his ability in 24 switchback hours. Last Saturday he was fined 500 pounds sterling (720 dol-

lars) for being rude to an um-

pire and kicking his cap

around the outfiled like a petulant child in a match against a Rest of India XI. On Sunday, after six weeks traipsing Miserably around an alien environment, out-of-form and out-of-place, he rediscovered his uneasy genius and more than doubled his tour

tally taking four wickets inside

six bewitching overs. His revival was as timely as it was dramatic - with England, badly beaten in the first Test, desperate to get back on terms in the second which opens on Thursday.

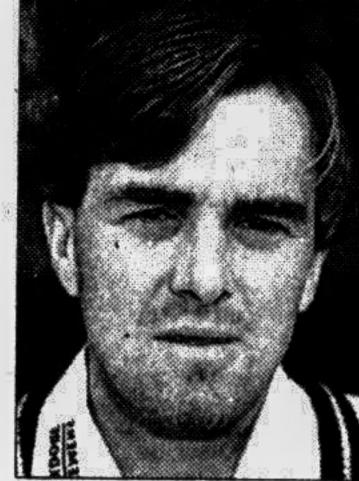
Tufnell, left out of the first, is a potential matchwinner. In 10 Tests since he made his debut in December 1990, he has played the starring role in

He has been a non-conformist figure from his earliest days. Expelled from his public school he briefly neglected his

cricketing talent in his "teens. preferring video games to practice sessions. "It was difficult to go to nets

when all your mates were down the kebab shop getting career bests on Glactic Defender," Tufnell once ex-His county, Middlesex, who

play at Lord's, home of the Gin-and tonic, jacket-and-tiebrigade of the MCC, threatened to sack him for wearing a



PHIL TUFNELL pigtail.

However, his talent not only survived but prospered and he was selected for the Australian tour of 1990-91.

Tufnell was picked as second string to veteran Eddie Hemmings, made his debut in defeat at Melbourne then went close to bowling England to victory with figures of five for 61 at Sydney.

Even then there were flashes of his tense, taut temperament with explosions in both Tests at unsympathetic umpiring decisions. His cause was not helped by

poor batting and fielding. His batting is negligible (23 Test runs at an average of 4.60) and his fielding, now passable, was then derisory. Australian crowds hung

banners proclaiming: "Throw it up here Tuffers and we'll chuck it in for you" and, above a beer bellied, lager swilling group, "Phil Tufnell Fielding Academy." Captain Graham Gooch, a perfectionist, supported his

Tufnell was sent back to the English county game to prac-When he returned, it was in style. Recalled for the fifth Test against West Indies at the Oval he took stx for 25 to level

axing for his deficiencies as

much as his volatility and

the series and followed up with five for 94 against Shri Lanka at Lord's and seven for 47 at Christchurch, New

Zealand, in successive Tests. Yet given that impressive record he is surprisingly low on confidence. Nicknamed cat for his

propensity to catnap in the dressing room and a regular smoker - in a fidgety, nervy manner as if still behind the bikesheds at school - he is lean and wan to the point of appearing unhealthy.

In India he has been particularly prey to self-doubt. A nervous flier at the best of times the regular air trips have only intensified the discomfort felt in an unfamiliar land with unaccustomed food and habits. And then there was the

problem of the rare ability of Indian cricketers at all levels to play spin. That led to tour figures of three for 332 for him to ponder as he mooched and slouched about the outfield lasi Saturday. nis fragile confidence was

illuscrated in an exchange with a journalist who said, after Tufnell had argued he was just as capable of taking five wickets against Indians as anyone else, "But you haven't done so." "I know I haven't - you don't need to tell me." Tufnell

tetchily replied. "But why haven't you," continued the journalist. "I don't know ... " said

Tufnell with a bewildered honesty. He says he has not "made any adjustments in technique

"I'm still bowling the same way," he maintained. That shows a basic self-be-

lief and the key factor is confi-

Moody and mercurial

When there is a skip in his run-up as he hops off the left foot, and a lop in the delivery as he tosses up the ball, he can be a cunningly beguiling

bowler.

maybe, but many argue England must pick him if they are to stand a chance of victory. Kabaddi put back

The third Asian kabaddi championship, which was scheduled to begin from

February 15, has been postponed yet again due to unavoidable circumstances, according to a press release of the tournament organising committee.

Fresh dates for the tourney will be announced later.



Hossain and other guests at the concluding ceremony at the National Press Club yesterday. - Star photo

- Star TV photo

diminutive GMCC captain, had put on Victoria in to bat.