

### Wari Milnars champions

Sports Reporter

Wari Club emerged as the Milnars First Division cricket league winners when they clinched an easy four-wicket victory over Dhanmondi Club in the championship deciding play-off at the Mirpur Pallabi ground yesterday.

Although the match was merely of academic interest as both teams have made it to the Navana Premiers, the Wari cricketers must have been doubly satisfied from its outcome. Not only had this made them the winners but it must also have expunged last year's bitter memories to a great extent. Wari Club had been one of the three teams to have been relegated to the Milnars from the Premiers.

The day began with Wari at the right side of the table as Didar, the skipper, won the toss and promptly decided to use his bowlers first. His decision paid dividend very early. 6.3 overs into the match, when his new ball bowlers — Timir and Lalu — wiped the top order to leave Dhanmondi on a desperate 11 for three.

Biplob, the Dhanmondi opener, held one end up for a while and together with Atia, the wicketkeeper, denied the Wari bowlers for some time before the latter was out on 53 for 17. Biplob hung around a little longer and was out with the score on 74 after making 37. Dulu followed him immediately to leave Wari on a fragile 74 for six.

But Hira and Niaz produced a fine stand of 73 for the seventh wicket and it was mainly due to them that Dhanmondi score read 177 for nine at the end of the 45th over.

Hira made 46 while Niaz knocked 34.

Timir was by far the best Wari bowler claiming five wickets for 48. Lalu took two.

In reply, Wari were in dire straits at one stage losing half of their wickets for 68 runs only in the 20th over.

Didar, playing a captain's knock of 66 and Ashim who hit 44, steadied the Wari innings. On their journey past the Dhanmondi total Wari lost only one more wicket, that of Ashim's.

Tareq was with his skipper till the end scoring 17 as Wari made 180 in 42.2 overs.

### Div II cricket

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A brilliant 92 by Hassan of Lalbagh Anwar Sporting Club won in vain as Shantinagar Club A recorded a two-wicket victory in one of the three matches of the Second Division league at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

At the Dhanmondi Club ground, Orient Sporting Club registered a huge 129-run victory against Eastern Sporting Club while DOHS Club trounced Young Pegasus B by seven wickets at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium (East) in the other two fixtures of the day.

In a high-scoring match at the DCS (West) sent into bat. Lalbagh Anwar Sporting made 211 losing six wickets in the allotted 35 overs with Hassan making a 90-ball 92, an innings studded with as many as a dozen boundaries and a six.

Skipper Mamun and Swapan made 21 and 14 respectively.

Ratan claimed three and Rumi two wickets for Shantinagar A.

Shantinagar A reached the target making 214 for the loss of eight wickets in 34.3 overs with Dulal remaining unbeaten on 77 made from 55 balls, a knock that included eight hits across the fence and four over it.

Opener Rumi and Morshed made 46 and 29 respectively. Shaheen and Swapan shared four wickets between them.

At the DCS (East), DOHS outplayed Young Pegasus B by seven wickets.

Electing to bat, Pegasus B were bundled out for 118 in 34.3 overs with Sohel (Sr), Zubair, Tipu and Jewel (Jr) scoring 22, 20, 18 and 14 respectively.

DOHS Club made 120 losing three wickets in 23.2 overs with Sohel and Shuvo remaining unconquered on 46 and 36 respectively.

Orient Sporting beat Eastern Sporting by 129 runs at the Dhanmondi Club ground in the other match of the day.

Electing to bat, Orient Sporting were all out for 197 in 34.4 overs with Mamun top-scoring with 60 and Mintu and Shohag making 46 and 30 respectively.

Veteran Dulu Afendi with four wickets for 36 was the pick of the Eastern Sporting bowlers while Sajal, Swapan, Bappi and Masum took one each.

Eastern Sporting, the Narayanjan team, were shot out for a paltry 68 in 18.5 overs.

### TODAY'S MATCHES

Wanderers vs Lalbagh KSC (DCS West)

Three Star vs Gandaria Cricketers (Mirpur Pallabi)

East End vs Spread Eagles (DCS East)

## Mohammedans' sweet revenge

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Mohammedan Sporting Club recorded a sensational, sweet two-wicket victory against the Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club (GMCC) in the Navana Premier Division cricket league at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Needing 21 runs for victory from the last two overs, Mohammedans were rather precariously placed at 167 for seven with skipper Minhazul Abedin Nannu out there as the last recognised batsman. The right-handed batsman from Chittagong whipped the fifth ball of the 45th and last over of the match from Saiful Islam, the quickest bowler of the country, past square-leg to pull off the most thrilling win for Mohammedans since the murderous late assault by Mahmud on T L Fernando in a final of the Damal Summer tournament way back in 1990.

The captain of the national team had earlier executed a half-pull, half-drive — a stroke almost patented by Sunil Gavaskar in the latter phase of his career — over wildish midwicket off GMCC's Sri Lankan leg-spinner Sanjeeva Weerasinghe for a sixer to wrest the initiative back from the GMCC who were comfortably poised for their second giant-killing of the season.

Yesterday, Mohammedan Sporting Club badly needed to win against the Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club to sustain the validity of their bid for the title of the Navana Premier Division cricket league for the second consecutive year. Not only that, they had a score to settle with GMCC who inflicted a far-reaching five-run defeat in the Damal Summer tournament earlier this year.

As a result of the loss in the group match of the curtain raising tournament, Mohammedans were forced into a pre-mature clash with arch-rivals Abahani who robbed them of a unique distinction of having entered all fourteen finals the meet to date.



RAFIQUL ALAM ... 5 for 37

lowed privilege enjoyed by the toss winners and GMCC, who had provided the biggest surprise of this year by beating Damal champions and last year's runners-up Abahani by ten wickets, mustered 187 from 44 overs of batting.

Indian Test discard Raman Lamba topscored with 74. He played 99 balls and hit four fours and a sixer. Skipper Tariqzaman Munir chipped in with a brisk 26 off 27 balls as the rest of the GMCC batting tamely surrendered against the undemanding slow medium bowling of Rafiqul Alam.

The former national player, known more for his batting abilities, took five of the ten GMCC wickets to fall wickets for 37 runs. Zakir bowled tidily to finish with one for 17 off nine overs.

Chasing 188 for victory Mohammedans were in deep trouble losing three wickets for 49. Liton, Rafiq and Piyal, promoted in the batting order, were all back in the pavilion within the first 15 overs.

A 64-run partnership for the fourth wicket between Aminul Islam Bulbul and Nannu revived the plummeting

Mohammedan hopes. However, Bulbul's departure for a well-made 52 including four hits to the fence triggered off a collapse.

Things worsened further with Sanjeeva Weerasinghe bowling his leg-spinners with devastating effect from the Palton end. He sent back two batsmen in quick succession, one of them being Indian Test player Sanjeev Sharma and with a bit of luck the young Sri Lankan, leavened by the experience of one Test, could have removed Nannu, the only Mohammedan hope at that stage.

However, that did not happen and some good strokes backed by cheeky singles saw Mohammedans home and dry in 44.5 overs Nannu remained unconquered on 64 off 78 balls made with the help of four fours and a sixer.

Dulu bowled well to capture two Mohammedan wickets for 27 off nine overs. Among the other GMCC bowlers Sanjeeva Weerasinghe got two for 41. Saiful and Lamba took one apiece.

With yesterday's exciting two-wicket victory Mohammedans raised their points tally to 14 from eight matches. Their only loss so far been to Bangladesh Biman in the previous match. GMCC remain at ten from eight outings.

### UNTOWARD INCIDENT

Meanwhile, a group of unruly people ransacked the office of the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) after the match.

They destroyed some of the gadgets as a gesture of protest at BCCB's alleged 'biased attitude' towards a big club.

In an instant reaction BCCB general secretary Aminul Haq Moni and vice president Raisuddin Ahmed condemned the incident. Golam Faruq Apu, one of the joint secretaries, had the unpleasant experience of facing the wrath of the mob.

### TODAY'S MATCH

Abahani vs Surja Tarun (Dhaka Stadium)

### Nirman final on February 15

Sports Reporter

The final of the Dhaka zonal championship for the eleventh Nirman schools cricket tournament between Willes Little Flower School and Saint Joseph's High School will be held on next Monday, February 15, at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, says a press release.

The participating schools have been asked to take note of it.

### Changpai cricket

Sports Reporter

Maghbazar Winners' Club registered a one-wicket victory against Kanchi Hater Lekha (K H L) cricket club in the Changpai Cup cricket tournament at the Golapbagh ground yesterday.

Batting first K H L Club made a massive 239 with Masum topscoring with 70.

Suman of Winners' Club was adjudged the man-of-the-match for his all-round performance.



England's stand-in captain Alec Stewart (C) introduces his teammates to Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Jayalalitha Jayaram (Centre L) before the start of the opening day of the second Test against India in Madras on Feb 11. — AFP photo

## India make merry at Madras



MADRAS, Feb 12: India, bolstered by a sparkling career-best 165 from teenage prodigy Sachin Tendulkar, forced England to toil in the field for the second day in the second Test on Friday, reports Reuter.

After two years of away defeats, the script is playing out to perfection at home for India, who finally declared their first innings at 560 for six — their highest score against England in India.

The total surpassed the 553 for eight at Kanpur on David Gower's 1984-85 tour. On that occasion England responded with 417 to get a draw and secure the series.

This time a draw would preserve India's 1-0 lead in the series and, with the ball already turning, England will have to bat well to achieve that.

In the nine overs they had before the close, England made 19 for no wicket.

India opened with leg-spinner Anil Kumble, co-founding England, who decided to open with Robin Smith on the grounds he plays the new ball better than spin.

Smith survived to be six and Alec Stewart 10 at the close. India, who had resumed at 275 for two, quickly lost Thursday's centurion Navjot Sidhu, who added two to his overnight 104 before edging Paul Jarvis to second slip.

Jarvis followed up with the wicket of Mohammed Azharuddin (6) and should have had Praveen Amre second ball, only for John Embury — one of the substitute fielders — to spill the chance.

England rarely had as many as nine of their original line-up on the field — Chris Lewis was absent all day with a leg injury and Mike Gatting appeared only briefly after his food poisoning.

At one stage England were led by Lancashire captain Neil Fairbrother as Stewart was absent.

The comings and goings failed to unsettle Tendulkar, who consistently bisected the field whatever its composition.

He cracked seven fours in the first half-hour to reach his

fifth Test century in his 23rd match. Such is India's controlled programme it was only his third Test at home and his first century here.

The 19-year-old went on to pass 148 — his previous best, against Australia in Sydney 13 months ago — before being caught and bowled off a skilled, mistimed drive at leg-spinner Ian Salisbury.

### SCOREBOARD

Following is the scoreboard after India declared their first innings at 560 for six on the second day of the Charns Cup second cricket Test between India and England at the M A Chidambaram Stadium here today:

**INDIA:**  
Manoj Prabhakar c R Blakey

G Hick	29	2	77	1
I Salisbury	29	1	142	2
<b>ENGLAND:</b> First Innings				
R Smith not out	6			
A Stewart not out	10			
Extras: (b-1, lb-1, nb-1)	3			
Total: (no wicket)	19			
To bat:	M Gatting, G Hick, N Fairbrother, R Blakey, C Lewis, I Salisbury, P Jarvis, D Malcolm, P Tufnell.			
<b>Bowling:</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>
Prabhakar	3	2	7	0
Kumble	4	3	8	0
Chauban	1	0	2	0
Raju	1	1	0	0

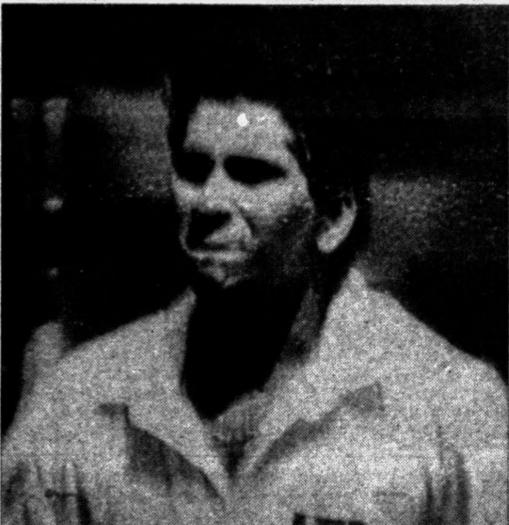
### Kapil's feat

MADRAS, Feb 12: Kapil Dev today became the only cricketer in the world with over 400 wickets to score over 5,000 runs when he crossed 35 runs in the Charns Cup second cricket Test match between India and England now in progress at the M A Chidambaram Stadium here, reports PTI.

Kapil, playing his 122nd Test, made his intentions clear to some media persons even before taking strike and he executed to perfection his plan to score a run a minute.

He is the fourth Indian to have reached the 5,000-run mark. Sunil Gavaskar (10,122), Dilip Vengsarkar (6,868) and GR Viswanath (6,080) being the other three.

Kapil is the second all-rounder in the world to cross the 5,000 mark, with England's Ian Botham achieving the feat first.



Sachin Tendulkar returning to the pavilion after hitting his fourth ton — the first on the home soil. The Bombay batsman scored 165 yesterday. — Star TV photo

b C Lewis	27			
N S Sidhu c Hick b Jarvis	106			
V Kambl lbw Hick	59			
Sachin Tendulkar c and b Salisbury	165			
M Azharuddin c Smith b Jarvis	6			
Praveen Amre c Jarvis b Salisbury	78			
Kapil Dev (not out)	66			
Kiran More (not out)	26			
Extras: (lb-10, w-2, nb-15)	27			
Total (declared for six wks)	560			
Fall of wickets:	1-41; 2-149; 3-296; 4-324; 5-442; 6-499			
<b>Bowling:</b>	<b>O</b> <b>M</b> <b>R</b> <b>W</b>			
D Malcolm	27	7	87	0
P Jarvis	28	7	72	2
C Lewis	11	1	40	1
P Tufnell	41	3	132	0



KAPIL DEV ... 5000 runs

## Border hopes for success



AUCKLAND, Feb 12: Australian cricket captain Allan Border hopes a series victory over near neighbour New Zealand and will put his team back on track before the mid-year Ashes series against England, reports AP.

Australia lost their latest series 2-1 at home to the West Indies and was subjected to fierce media criticism at home.

"We're looking forward to it," Border said Friday of his team's tour of New Zealand, which begins with a match against an Emerging Players XI

### Lee Lancer gold champion

Sports Reporter

Chan Lee of South Korea won the men's title of the 12th Lancer golf tournament held yesterday at the Kurmitola Golf Club course.

C Mahmud Sultan finished runner-up while the ladies' title went to Mrs Nitta Kazumi of Japan who won from her nearest challenger Mrs H S Park of South Korea.

About 180 golfers, male and female, took part in the annual competition sponsored by Rangs Limited.

Lt General M Noor Uddin Khan, pse, Chief of Army Staff and Toshiki Sasaki, the Japanese ambassador, jointly inaugurated the meet in the morning.

The field of competitors included Communication Minister Col (Retd) Oll Ahmed and Canadian High Commissioner Emile Gavereau.

Later, in the evening, Mr Ichihashi, Economic Minister, Embassy of Japan presided over the prize-giving ceremony which was rounded off with a dinner at the club pavilion.

Among those who won prizes were John Allgood for the best gross score among the men, M Ali Hossain, the senior winner and Master Saadat Rahim, the junior champion.

### Sports meet for the retarded

The annual sports competition of the Society for Care and Education of the Mentally Retarded, Bangladesh (SCEMRB) was held at the Dhanmondi Women's Sports Complex yesterday, reports BSS.

Nearly 250 mentally retarded boys and girls from 15 branches of the SCEMRB including the Dhaka metropolitan branch and the Bangladesh Institute of Mentally Retarded, Dhaka took part in different events of the meet.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain was present as chief guest and witnessed some events.

in New Plymouth on Tuesday. "It has been a long summer, but I suppose the fact that the last three or four weeks in Australia we didn't play particularly well has added to the motivation to get back on track over here," Border said.

He said the series against the West Indies had been competitive — making it particularly disappointing to lose the fifth Test in Perth. "It was disappointing but not the end of the world," he said. "We had our chances and just couldn't quite finish them off."

"But life goes on you just have to grin and bear it and get on with the job."

One of Border's few remaining personal goals is to beat the West Indies in a series. "They've been on top of the tree for a lot of years now and I haven't personally been involved in a winning series against them," he said.

"So it's something I would have liked to have achieved this summer. The side wasn't quite up to it."

Border said media criticism

had upset team members. "That's the thing that hurt the most I suppose," he said.

"We were copping a fair bit of criticism during the whole summer and I thought that was a little bit uncalled for, given the fact that we played them very well for four test matches."

"It was only in the fifth Test match that we didn't play particularly well."

Border said the Australians were hoping to get off to a good start in New Zealand.

"That's the plan of attack," he said, "but we have a healthy respect for the New Zealand players."

"The last time we actually beat New Zealand in a Test series was back in 1977."

"You've got to have respect for a team that can boast that sort of home record."

Border said New Zealand also were a very difficult side to read.

"When you're playing at home you always lift yourselves, and that's what happens with the New Zealand team — particularly against Australia," he said.



Ms J I Lee of South Korea, one of the participants of the 12th Lancer golf tournament, attempts a putt at the Kurmitola Golf Court yesterday. — Star photo

### Shouldn't have ignored the doc

MADRAS, Feb 12: England cricketers Graham Gooch, Mike Gatting and Robin Smith fell ill in India on Thursday after ignoring guidelines on what they should eat, reports Reuter.

But team manager Keith Fletcher rejected criticism that the trio were unwise to eat in a Chinese restaurant on the eve of the second Test.

Dr Tony Hall, who works at the London Hospital of Tropical Diseases, produced an advice sheet for the player's warning against eating in French or Chinese restaurants and suggesting players avoid eating fish, especially shellfish.

Gooch and Gatting, who were both reported to have eaten prawns, suffered acute diarrhoea after dining in the restaurant in the team's hotel.

The England captain was so ill that he had to pull out of the match, while Gatting and Smith, who also ate Chinese food, were forced to leave the field early.

Yet Fletcher absolved his players from criticism after seeing India pile up 275 for two on the first day of the Test.

"I have eaten Chinese food all through this tour ... there must have been 200 people in that Chinese restaurant and both Gooch and Gatting were on a table of about 10 players, and none of the others were affected."

"All the players have stuck to a specific diet, anyway," Fletcher said.

"It's very sad for Graham ... he was just too ill to consider playing here. He tried to have a net early yesterday morning but felt dizzy and sick."

## SA dent Windies confidence



PORT ELIZABETH, South Africa, Feb 12: South Africa crushed West Indies by six wickets on Thursday in the touring team's first official match in the republic, reports Reuter.

The South African victory was an important psychological boost following their 10-run defeat by Pakistan in Durban on Tuesday in the opening match of the one-day triangular series.

South Africa, who 150 for four included 30 extras were helped by some loose bowling, particularly by Patrick Patterson who sent down nine no-balls.

Sent in to bat on a wicket drenched by heavy overnight rain, West Indies struggled in the face of tight bowling and superb fielding by the South Africans.

Meyrick Pringle made the initial breakthrough at 27 in the 11th over, trapping Brian Lara and Phil Simmons leg before — Lara on 13 and Simmons without scoring.

Captain Richie Richardson was next to fall when he mistimed a delivery from Brian McMillan and dragged the ball on to his stumps for three, leaving West Indies 42 for three.

Opener Desmond Haynes top-scored with 43 off 104 balls. Wicketkeeper Junior Murray was unbeaten on 30 when the last wicket fell for 149 to the last ball of the 49th over.

Alan Donald was the pick of the home bowlers with three for 27.

Faced with a modest target, South Africa made an even

worse start of their innings. Captain Kepler Wessels, Andrew Hudson and Hansie Cronje were all out cheaply as the home side slumped to 33 for three.

But veteran Peter Kirsten, his place in doubt after disappointing in the recent series against India, managed to put some stability into the batting.



J RHODES ... man-of-match

He hit four fours in making 45 in an unbeaten partnership of 85 with Jonty Rhodes, who was named man-of-the-match for his athletic fielding and confident innings of 46.

The West Indies face world champions Pakistan today (Saturday).

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the one-day match between South Africa and West Indies on Thursday, second match in the limited-over international triangular series contested by South Africa, Pakistan and West Indies:

B Lara lbw b Pringle	13
P Simmons lbw b Pringle	0
R Richardson b McMillan	3
C Hooper c Richardson b Callaghan	17
G Logie c Richardson b Donald	8
J Murray not out	30
I Bishop lbw b De Villiers	7
C Ambrose c Wessels b McMillan	9
C Waish c Cronje b Donald	12
P Patterson b Donald	1</