Sports Reporter

A breezy 95 from Monty of Gandaria Cricketers went in vain when they suffered a three-wicket defeat at the hands of Dhaka Wanderers Club in the only match of the Second Division cricket super league at the Dhanmondi Club ground yesterday.

Sent in to bat Gandaria Cricketers were all out for 196 in 39.4 overs with Monty topscoring with 95 from 109 deliveries with the help of as many as 11 fours.

Bulbul made 27 off 49 balls and Rafique scored a 13-ball 14, hitting a six and a four.

Nitai and Rana bagged two wickets each conceding 27 and 53 respectively while Jahangir and Gourt took a wicket apiece for Wanderers.

Wanderers reached the target making 197 for the loss of seven wickets in 39 overs.

Liton topscored with 47 from 73 balls, a knock embellished with three over boundaries and a couple of bound-

balls with the help of four fours while skipper Jahangir got 31 from 40 deliveries, an innings that included five hits across the fence. Rashed claimed

Nripen scored 31 off 51

wickets for 20 while Rafique, Dipu and Nadim got one wicket each for Gandaria Cricketers. The victory took

Wanderers' tally to four points while Gandaria cricketers have from three two points matches each

Amorjyoti Club take on Wari Krira Chakra in today's match at the Dhanmondi Club ground.

Pioneer soccer

Sports Reporter

Saifuddin slammed a hattrick to power Rampura Natun Kuri to 6-2 victory against Jagaroni Sangsad (Jrs) in the Janata Bank Pioneer football league at the Mahakhali T & T ground yesterday.

Altaf, Golap Hossain and Masud Haider netted the other three goals for the winners while Rumel and Ripon reduced the margin for Jagaroni Sangsad (Jrs).

Titas Sporting Club edged past Kendrio Kishore Kafela by three goals to two at the Bashabo ground.

Asghar put Titas in the lead in the fifth minute (1-0) while lgbal Mahmud drew level for Kishore Kafela in the tenth minute (1-1).

Akbar put Titas Club again in the lead in the 25th minute (2-1) but Igbal restored parity in the 50th minute (2-2).

Mosharraf netted the decider seven minutes from time (3-2).

Kashaituli Samai Kallyan Parishad defeated Nawabgan Kishore Sangha by three goals to one at the Lalmatia Housing Society ground. Mahbub netted twice and Faruk once for Kashaituli while Jahangir Alam pulled one back for Nawabgani Kishore Sangha.

Islampur Uttara Krira Chakra beat Bikrampur XI by a solitary goal in the other match at the same venue.

Mizanur Rahman was the scorer.

KR Boys Club edged past Rainbow Athletic Club of Narayanganj by two goals to one in the only match at the Outer Stadium.

Saiful Islam scored both the goals for the winners while Ashim Kumar reduced the margin for Rainbow Athletic

Following are the brief results of the other matches of the day:

Dhoopkhola ground: Sourav Krira Chakra outplayed Mansur Sporting Club 3-0; Aganagar PMS edged past Abakash Tarun Sangha 1-0; Red Sun Krira Chakra drew goalless with Shatadal Club and Mokimbazar Krira Chakra shared points with Mukti

Khelaghar, also in a goalless Banani ground: Jatrabari Krira Chakra beat Kurmitola Apollo Club 2-0 and Uttaran Sporting Club edged past

Eastern Sporting Club 2-1. Dhanmondi ground: Kalindi Krira Chakra beat Golam

22 before caught and bowled by Imran. Mostafa Lane Kishore Sangha by two goals to nil.

Shaheen with 10 were the Mirpur Outer Stadium: other batsmen to reach double Sonali Krira Chakra drew goalfigures. less with Surja Shikha Sa-Imran took three for 26 ngsad. while Sohel bagged three for

Khilgaon School ground: Khilgaon Juba Sangha shared points with Mirkadim Krira Chakra, also in a scoreless

draw. Faridpur cricket

FARIDPUR, Mar 10: Friends Cricket Club beat Zia Smriti Sangha by 49 runs in the inaugural match of the Faridpur cricket league played at Rajendra College ground yesterday, reports BSS.

Friends Club elected to bat and scored 150 runs for the loss of five wickets in 28

overs. Smriti Sangha, in reply, were bundled out for 101 in 25 overs.

Deputy Commissioner of Faridpur KM Nurul Huda inaugurated the league.



Akram Khan and Khaled Mahmood Sujon of Abahani Krira Chakra come off the ground after seeing their team through to a facile seven-wicket victory over the Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club (GMCC) in the Navana Premier Division super league at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. It was a sweet revenge for the last year's runners-up over their - Star photo first-phase conquerors.

Abahani exact sweet revenge

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Abahani exacted a near-perfect revtitle aspirants beat the Greater Mymensingh

Cricket Club, first phase conquerors of the leaders, with a sleek seven-wicket victory at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. Extra cautious perhaps, be-

cause of the absence of their Shri Lankan mainstay Athula Samarasekara and skipper Gazi Ashraf Hossain Lipu, Abahani held a vice-like grip on their opponents right from the



S WEERASINGHE

word go and never let up the pressure once stand-in skipper Ashoka De Silva won the toss and elected to field first.

On a fairly jannock wicket GMCC, who beat Abahani by ten wickets in the first phase match, struggled more for their indiscretion than any real threat in the Abahani attack and although the Abahani fielders were on their toes for most part of the morning, the GMCC batsmen could only blame themselves for the selfmposed affliction.

In fact, GMCC could have finished with a far worse col-

Defending champions Jesso-

re and Comilla set up a semi-

final clash on March 12 with

victories in their quarterfinals

of the 13th Beximco national

youth cricket championship

played at different city venues

ground, Jessore DSA outplayed

Jhenidah by five wickets.

At the Mirpur Pallabi

Opting to bat first, Jhenidah

ran into trouble as Imran of

Jessore made early inroads

with the ball. Sohel drove the

last nail in Jhenidah's coffin

NATIONAL

YOUTH CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIP

with a remarkable spell of 1.1

over which earned him three

Wicketkeeper Suman was

the top scorer in Jhenidah's

30.1 over innings of 97 with

Ronny with 16 and opener

five. Bipul and Manju had one

spiring start, losing three

wickets for 31 runs before

Hassan stepped in to stem the

rot with a breezy innings of 32

With extras coming quite

uninhibitedly the reigning

champions posted 101 for five

Nuruzzaman was the most

successful of the Jhenidah

bowlers employed by skipper

Shaheen. He took two wickets

for 19 runs. Ronny and Munna

COMILLA'S WIN

A fine innings of 54 by Lipu

guided Comilla to a four wicket

win against Chittagong DSA at

the Dhanmondi Cricket

also took one wicket apiece.

wickets in 24.4 overs.

off 30 balls.

Jessore got off to an unin-

wickets for five runs only.

vesterday.

lection but for a defiant, unbeaten 53 by Shri Lankan enge when the Sanjeeva Weerasinghe. The versatile cricketer with the experience of one Test match for Shri Lanka against India way back in 1985, emerged from vesterday's ruins with a

fine allround show as he went

on to pick up two of the three

wickets to fall in the Abahani

innings of 144 in reply to GMCC's 141 for nine. Earlier in the morning, the Abahani opening bowlers Khairuzzaman Babu and leftarm Anis, ran through the upper order GMCC batting. Half of the team, including Indian Raman Lamba, were back in

the pavilion for 52 in 17 overs. Raman Lamba was given caught behind off Anis for 18, the only third double-figure knock of the innings apart from Weerasinghe's half-century and 23 by wicketkeeper

The laden-footed GMCC batsmen were loathe to cash in on the fielding lapses of the Abahani players and none exemplified this more than GMCC skipper Tariguzzaman Munir and Anisuddin Bhutyan Pika. While the former plodded 27 balls for his two runs the latter had to play 30 balls for his eight.

Weerasinghe added 58 runs for the ninth wicket with Pappu. The Lankan allrounder smote a sixer off a slower ball from Anis over long-on and then ended the 45-over vigil with a pulled four off the same

Babu claimed three wickets for 22 runs while Anis bagged two for 47. Ashoka De Silva and Sujan took one wicket apiece.

Abahani were never in trouble in their quest for 142 runs for victory. Jahangir and Shovon put on 34 runs for the

Comilla, Jessore in semis

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After S M Kamal, one of the

directors of Beximco, the

sponsors had inaugurated the

six day long final round.

Chittagong batted first as their

skipper Ripon won the toss

decided to make the first use

by Comilla's Hassan, restricted

Chittagong to a sickly 162 for

five from their quota of forty-

Dauphin souped up the wan

Chittagong campaign with 38

not out, the topscore of the

Biplab also remained un-

beaten on 29. Tarck made 20

while Ershad and Shamim

chipped in with 19 each to

emerge as the other notable

Hassan was the most suc-

Comilla started with a jolt,

losing Anis for three but

opener Javed steadted the boat

along with Lipu, the eventual

Rifle Club N'ganj

cricket champs

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emerged as champions in the

Narayangani AKM Shamsuzzoha

memorial First Division cricket

massive seven-wicket victory

against Rainbow Athletic Club

in the final at the Osmani

were all out for 178 in 38.3

overs with Ismail topscoring

Rifle Club were home and

State Minister for Youth and

with 57 and Anup getting 19.

dry, making 182 for the loss of

Sports Sadek Hossain Khoka

gave away the prizes as chief

three wickets in 35.2 overs.

Stadium yesterday.

Rifle Club registered a

Batting first, Rainbow Club

Narayanganj Rifle Club

cessful bowler for Comilla

claiming two for 30.

Anis took one for 31.

top scorer of the match.

Tight bowling, particularly

Stadium.

of the wicket.

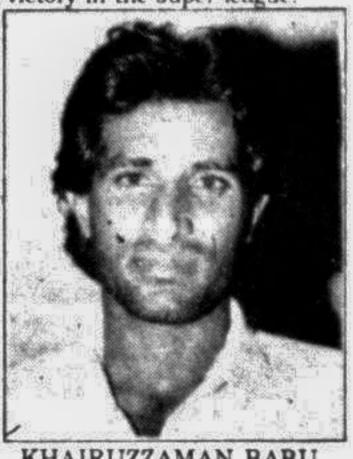
five overs.

scorers.

first wicket before Jahangir was trapped in front of the wicket by an incoming delivery from Duiu for 11

Sanjeeva Weerasinghe got into the act to dismiss Shovon who scored a fluent 35 before departing in the manner of his fellow opener.

Faruque played some lovely authoritative strokes to help Abahani's cause with a cute knock of 32. He sent the ball across the fence six times before Tutul snapped him up off Sangeeva again, with Abahahi well in sight of their second victory in the super league.



KHAIRUZZAMAN BABU Khaled Mahmud Sujan with 22 and Akram Khan with 24 remained unbeaten to see Abahani raise 144 for three

wickets in 34.1 overs. Weerasinghe had fine figures of two for 22 off nine overs. Dulu, the left-arm pace man, took the other wicket for

Abahani retained the top position in the points table with 22 points from 13 matches while GMCC have 16

from 13 matches also. TODAY'S MATCH

Mohammedan vs Gulshan Youth (Dhaka Stadium).

Javed made 31 while Lipu

scored a match winning 54 to

help his side post 163 for six

Lipu, who was run out, hit

Mahbub with 17 and Asif and

Suman with 16 and 13 not out

respectively were the other

contributors in the Comilla

of Chittagong claimed one

Dauphin, Nuruddin and Azad

three fours in his 86-ball

wickets in 43.3 overs.

knock.

innings.

wicket each.

Sports Reporter

Azimpur Krira Sangha a press release.

Club were all out for 91 with Afzal making 26 and Asad 19.

bagged two wickets apiece. Azimpur Krira Sangha cruised past their opponents' total making 94 for the loss of three wickets with Didar and Kishore remaining unbeaten

Mahbub and Parvez took one wicket apiece.

Bangladesh Television is likely to telecast live the final of the world youth football championship from Australia on March 20, a highly-placed BTV official told The Daily Star vesterday. The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said

the match would start at 3:09 pm Bangladesh standard time. The state-run BTV will have to spend 600 US dollars for

BTV to telecast

live W Youth

soccer final

Sports Reporter

live coverage of the final. BTV has already obtained rights to telecast the match but the official announcement in this connection will be made as soon as the satellite booking is confirmed, the offi-

For sports-loving viewers there is more good news. BTV has planned two special sports programmes over the Eid-ul Fitr holidays which, BTV officials hope, will be very wellreceived by the viewers.

"Nothing of this sort has been telecast before," the BTV source stressed.

BTV also plans to telecast the recorded highlights of the recently held one-off Test match and three one-day internationals between world champions Pakistan and New Zealand.

Though devastating pace bowling by Wasim Akram and Wagar Younts helped Pakistan win the Test, New Zealand clinched the one-day series 2-

The tapes of the one-day series have already reached Dhaka while the Test match highlights should be available by the end of this month. The Test highlights will be telecast in two instalments after the one-day matches next month. The recorded highlights of the 1992 World Cup cricket final between Pakistan and England will be shown soon after the Eid festival. The recorded highlights of

the World Series Cup one-dayers recently held in Australia between Pakistan, West Indies and Australia will be aired starting sometime next May. The West Indies clinched

the WSC Cup by winning the first two of the best-of-three finals against hosts Australia. BTV will also telecast the highlights of the exciting

fourth Test between the West Indies and Australia which the former won by a solitary run in Adelaide last January. However, BTV will not be able to telecast live the forth-

coming one-day matches between Pakistan and hosts West Indies for financial constraints. the official said. The live coverage of each of

the five matches will cost 5000 US dollars, not to mention the technical deficiencies," the official lamented.

Azimpur cricket

moved into the final of the Azimpur Cup cricket tournament final beating Young Jewels Club by three wickets at the Azimpur Community Centre ground yesterday, says Batting first Young Jewels

Jasim claimed three wickets for 23 and Saju and Shipon

on 28 and 22 respectively.

Action from yesterday's Janata Bank Pioneer soccer league match between K R Boys and Rainbow AC at the Outer Stadium yesterday. K R Boys edge past Rainbow 2-1.

Pak squad for Caribbean tour announced

Salim Malik, Shoaib axed

two centuries on the last West

Indies tour and 55 in the Test

against England at the Oval last

the South African series and

after starting with a brisk 49

against the West Indies was out

for a duck on three successive

pressed the need to reorganise

the batting which failed Pa-

kistan many a time during the

Wasim Akram had ex-

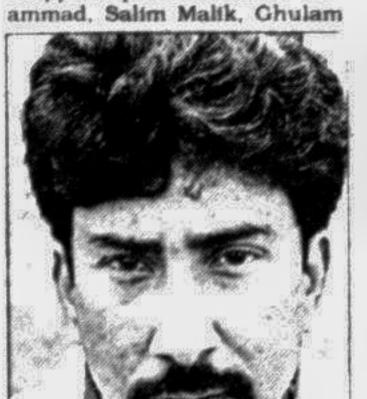
But Shoafb did not click in



ISLAMABAD, Mar 10: Pakistan Wednesday announced radical changes to beef up their middle order batting on

their upcoming eight-week Caribbean tour, reports AFP. Left-arm master of swing and slogger of the ball Wasim Akram, 24, will lead the side with Wagar Younis, considered the world's fastest bowler, as

his deputy. Four new faces have been included in the side while another wicketkeeper has been recalled by the selectors, who dropped opener Shoaib Moh-



MALIK ... dropped

Ali, Saeed Anwar and Arshad Khan for their poor performance during the South African triangular series recently.

News of the dropping of Shoaib, who has scored 2,433

last five months, especially in South Africa.

MOIN KHAN ... recalled Experts also blame frequent changes and experiments in the batting order for the fail-

Wagar Younis in an interview Wednesday stressed the

THE TOUR ITINERARY

March 18-21: Three-day match, Sabina Park, Jamaica 23: First one-day international, Jamaica 26: Second one-day international, Trinidad &

27: Third one-day international, Trinidad & 30: Fourth one-day international. St Vincent

3: Fifth one-day international, Guyana 5-7: vs President's XI, Georgetown, Guyana 15-20: First Test, Port of Spain, Trinidad 22-27: Second Test, Bridgetown, Barbados 1-6: Third Test, St George's, Antigua

need to display 'more maturity and discipline' to achieve suc-

He considered too much cricket to be the cause of Pakistan's failures "because the players had gone a bit stale after a plethora of one-day

games." Former Pakistan selector and manager Hasseb Ahsan did not consider the selection good, saying the "chances of winning in the West Indies were very slim."

He added that "in view of Wasim and Wagar's speed, the wickets will be tailored to suit batting."

Hasseb opined that



"experienced batsmen like

Shoaib and Malik should have been retained" for the tour despite their bad patch. He also said the side lacked

a "genuine off-spinner."

TEAM

Wasim Akram, Waqar You-

nis, Aamir Sohail, Rameez Raja, Javed Miandad, Inzamamul Haq, Asif Mujtaba, Rashid Latif, Aaqib Javed, Mushtaq Ahmed, Ataur Rahman, Moin Khan, Nadim Khan, Basit Ali, Zahid Fazal, Shakeel Ahmed and Aamir Nasir.

The team will leave for the West Indies via London on

Zimbabwe bank on spinners



NEW DELHI, Mar 10: Zimbabwe's cricket manager predicted Wednesday that his top three spinners will give his

tcam a good chance of defeat ing India in the upcoming oneoff Test, reports AP. We know it is going to be

tough playing Indians on their home soil. Our players realize that they have a tough job ahead," Manager Babu Meman told United News of India.

"But if our players give their 100 per cent, we can give Indians a run for their money on the field. Meman knows India's spinners humbled England in a 3-0

Test match and will give Zimbabwe their biggest challenge in a Test match Saturday and three one-day internationals that follow. "Spin is India's trump card," he said. But that doesn't mean India won't face a similar

challenge from his spinners, John Traicos, Ujesh Ranchod and Grant Flower, the manager Traicos, 45, the oldest cricketer still playing Test matches, took five wickets for 86 runs last year when

Zimbabwe - in their first Test

match ever. The game in

Zimbabwe ended in a draw.

'Age is no barrier for him". Meman said of Traicos. As far as Ranchod and Flower are concerned, "these

two spinners are in good form after three weeks of practice on a spinning track back home," the manager said.



JOHN TRAICOS Before arriving in Bombay on Tuesday, Zimbabwe's play-

ers, watched the India-

England and India-South

Africa series on television and

used that to develop a new

net practice. "The thought of defeat has not entered my mind," said Houghton.

team, brimming with confidence, we have come well prepared to face India's spin

England 3-0 in the recent Test

worried about the boisterous Indian crowds. "I have played here and the

crowds are overwhelming, bordering on intimidation, by their sheer size, " he said.

Veteran off-spinner John I can bag some wickets on the helpful tracks in India; " said

He has captured 11 wickets in the three Tests Zimbabwe have played since being admitted to the ranks of Test cricket last July.

clusivity and elitism have be-



polarised citizens along racial and economic

Stadium near downtown Atlanta, reports Reuter. The governing commission of Fulton county is to consider the plan for a new 80,000-seat stadium with Atlanta's Olympic organisers agreeing to underwrite 207 million dollar of building costs and Ted

lines, a final vote is due on

Wednesday on controversial

fessional baseball games. But the complex deal provoked a firestorm of protest from residents who com plained to commissioners last week that they feared higher taxes would be required to pay for maintaining the stadium long after the Olympics.

Turner's Atlanta Braves agree-

An unusual coalition of suburban whites and urban blacks joined forces to complain that political officials were ignoring the interests of the county's 650,000 residents on the stadium project. Some said poor in town black neighbourhoods would be disrupted and further blighted by the project.

Martin Luther King III, son of the slain civil rights leader and a commission member, last week charged during a heated debate that greed, excome the symbols of Atlanta's Olympic movement - "all the things that my father fought against." "They are all reflected in

the deal proposed before us, the rich and affluent are on one side, the poor and hopeless on the other side," King In addition to hearing more citizen protests at

Wednesday's meeting, the commission probably will be told that the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games (ACOG) is ready to exercise an option to begin looking elsewhere in the metropolitan area for a stadium site. The privately-financed

Atlanta Olympic organisation has promised to pay the entire 207 million dollar estimated construction cost for what would become a publiclyowned stadium. The bitter dispute has come over the stadium's post-Olympic use.

Current plans call for building an 80,000 seat Olympic Stadium but only 45,000 seats would be perma nent. After the 1996 Games, the stadium would be converted to a baseball park that would be used by the Atlanta

Original terms of the deal for the Braves to lease the stadium were attacked by critics as far too generous to the baseball club at the expense of

On Wednesday, skipper David Houghton canceled a practice match in New Delhi to let his players have more

Zimbabwe captain David "We are here with a positive frame of mind. As a young

India's spinners played a major role in humbling

Houghton, who led Zimbabwe in the 1987 World Cup in India, said he was a bit

Traicos said he was eager to bowl on Indian pitches. "I hope

the 45-year-old.

ACOG awaits decision on stadium

10: After weeks of delay and bitter political infighting which

plans , for a new Olympic added.

ing to rent the facility for pro-

Turner's professional baseball club agreed to concessions to allow its 1.5 million dollar annual rent to be tied to infla-

dollar over several decades. If the deal fails to win approval from the local government body. Olympic organisers said they were ready to look at other sites for building a temporary stadium that would be torn down after the 1996

tion after 2016 and to limit

taxpayer-financed stadium im-

provements to 100 million

Officials of the Braves have also said they may seek to move the team to one of Atlanta's suburbs from its existing playing site at Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium.

Barnes not for sale

LIVERPOOL, England, Mar 10:Liverpool have turned down a cash plus players offer from Aston Villa for England winger John Barnes, reports Reuter.

Manager Graeme Souness

stressed on Wednesday that he

wants his injury plagued captain to stay at Anfield Villa manager Ron Atkinson tabled a package worth three

million pounds sterling (4.35 million dollar) which included midfielder Garry Parker and desender Earl Barrett, plus one million (1.45 million dollar) in

runs in 39 Tests, was a big surprise in Lahore, where the team was announced by the Board for Control of Cricket in Pakistan, because he scored

summer.

occasions.