

Pak club due Mar 29

Sports Reporter
Airport Gymkhana of Pakistan, a club side, will arrive in the city on March 29 to play a number of cricket matches in and outside the capital.

Another good win for Biman

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Indian Test discard Raman Lamba's fine knock of 91 went in vain as the Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club (GMCC) fell five runs short of the winning target of 216 set by Bangladesh Biman in the Navana Premier Division super league at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

RAMAN LAMBA ... 91

Dhaka Stadium yesterday. With the four-run win the airline team continued their fantastic late burst in this year's league that has led to four consecutive super league victories. Their hitlist includes reigning champions Mohammedan Sporting Club and last year's runners-up Abahani Krira Chakra.

perly against Abahani on March 6, was all at sea against the fierce new-ball bowling of Saiful Islam and Jahangir Tahukdar Dulu and after almost a pathetic 16-ball three, he was clean bowled by Dulu. But at the other end, veteran Ahmad Iqbal Bachchu did not lose his cool and with Zakaria he batted cautiously for the next 91 balls before he was out by a Rownakul Islam Tutul throw for 31. The score then read 62. Zakaria followed Bachchu almost immediately, being trapped leg before for 23 by leg-spinner Sanjeeva Weerasinghe, to leave Biman staggering on 62 for three.

medium bowling, grabbed four Biman wickets for only 27 runs and must have been cursing the batsmen for not being able to give GMCC a victory over his former team. Saiful and Weerasinghe claimed two apiece.



SHANU ... 50

handsome under the circumstances, until Babul found the gap between Tutul's bat and pad to dislodge his stumps. Tutul made 12. Anisuddin Dhuiyan Pika scored seven but stayed with Lamba for 39 balls to put on 23 runs for the second wicket. Sanwar came after Pika was run out on 52 and he went in a similar fashion after accompanying Lamba in yet another short stand of 27. He reached 12 in 11 balls and it was impatience that brought about his downfall.

Div II cricket

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Despite a brave all-round performance from Johnny, Kathalagan Three Star Club lost to Amarjoty Club by nine runs in the only match of the Second Division cricket super league at the Mirpur Pallabi ground yesterday.

Defending champions bow out

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Last year's champions Comilla Zilla School bowled out of the cleft in the eleventh Nirman schools cricket championship when they suffered a shock one wicket defeat at the hands of Barisal BM High School at the Dhanmondi Club ground yesterday.

Put in to bat, Narayanganj School piled up a huge 229 for the loss of nine wickets in the stipulated 40 overs. Munna topscored with a quickfire 84 off 89 deliveries, a knock that included six hits across the fence and two over it.

at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium (East). The Sathkhira School skipper Altaf won the toss and elected to bat. Sathkhira School made 244 for the loss of seven wickets with sundries amounting to an incredible 75.

apart from BM High School others who made the quarter-finals yesterday were Sathkhira Govt High School and Narayanganj High School. At the Dhanmondi Club ground, the day did not begin well for Comilla Zilla School when their skipper Himu was beaten in the spin of the coin by his counterpart Siddique and was asked to make first use of the pitch.

With wickets falling at regular intervals, the Bindu Bashtini School batsmen were never in the chase, being finally dismissed for a paltry 88 in 27.4 overs. Niloy was the only batsman to reach double figures scoring 25 while sundries added 14. Narayanganj High School skipper Sajal with three wickets for nine from 3.4 overs ripped through the Tangail school's batting line-up while Raj bagged two for 16.

Sathkhira School bowl out Netrokona Adarsha School for a meagre 62 with Mr Sundries becoming the only one to reach double figures with 28. Russel claimed his five wickets for only 10 runs from six overs and Shinnu took three for 25 while Sharif got one without conceding a run. Quite expectedly, Russel was adjudged the man-of-the-match.

Shahid with two wickets for 33 was most successful of the BM School bowlers while skipper Siddique and Liton took a wicket apiece. Chasing a somewhat imposing total the BM School batsmen scraped and scrounged their way to reach the target, making 194 for the loss of nine wickets in 39 overs. Jelin topscored with 51 from 69 balls with the help of five fours while skipper Siddique made 38 from 53 balls, an innings inclusive of five hits across the fence while Liton got a 38-ball 37 and Reza 15.

SATKHIRA WIN BIG
Sathkhira Govt High School registered a flattering 182-run victory against Anjumane Adarsha School of Netrokona.

TODAY'S MATCHES
Willes Little Flower vs Khulna GM School (DCS)
Sylhet Aided School vs Rajbart School (DCG)

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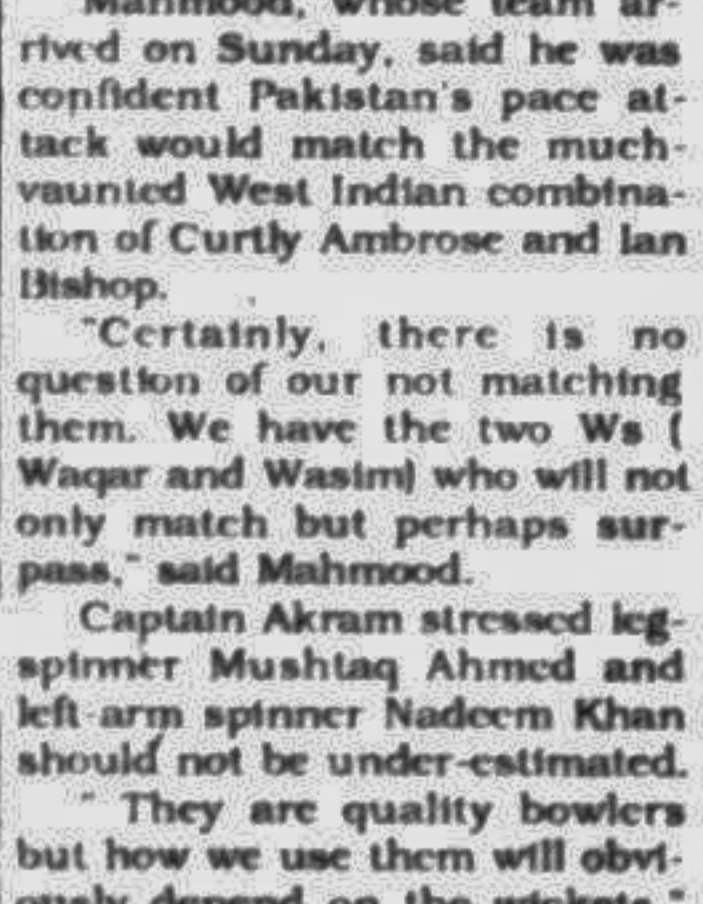
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Ws will outshine Windies pacemen, says Mahmood

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Mar 16: Pacemen Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis may outshine their West Indies counterparts in the forthcoming Test series, said Pakistan tour manager Khalid Mahmood, reports Reuter.



ANDY FLOWER ... 115

Zimbabwe ended the fourth day's play on 62 for two with Alistair Campbell batting on 31 and Dave Houghton on one. The tourists, still 152 away from making India bat again, need to play out the final day's play Wednesday to escape defeat in their first overseas match after being accorded Test status last year.

Zimbabweans in dire straits

NEW DELHI, Mar 16: India were in line for a third successive innings victory after Zimbabwe caved in dramatically in the one-off Test at the Kotla here Tuesday, reports AFP.



GRANT FLOWER ... 96

hours denying the Indians any success on the slow Kotla wicket. Left-handed Andy Flower, who joined skipper David Houghton and Kevin Arnott as Zimbabwe's third centurion, played both spin and pace with ease during his 289-minute stay at the crease which included 15 hits to the fence.

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It appeared set for a bigger score when Maninder turned one sharply across the bat for wicket-keeper Vijay Yadav to complete a neat stumping down the leg side.

Left-hander Ali Shah and debutant Ujesh Ranchood revived the tourists' hopes by adding 31 in 30 minutes for the ninth wicket, before off-spinner Rajesh Chauhan broke the threatening stand by bowling Ranchood for seven.

the one off cricket Test between India and Zimbabwe at the Kotla here Tuesday: INDIA: First Innings 536-7 dec (Kambli 227, Sidhu 61, Tendulkar 62, Amre 52 not out, Traicos 3-186). ZIMBABWE: First Innings: (overnight 152-3) Arnott lbw b Kapil 0 G Flower lbw b Maninder 96 Campbell b Chauhan 32



GRANT FLOWER ... 96

Houghton lbw b Kumble 18 A Flower st Yadav 115 Brian st Yadav b Kumble 1 Shah run out 25 Brandes c Sidhu b Kumble 8 Brain c Kambli b Maninder 0 Ranchood b Chauhan 7 Traicos not out 0 Extras: (b-4, lb-10, w-1, nb-5) 20 Total: (all out) 322

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OH, NO! ... a batsman misses his shot and the ball foels the wicketkeeper to race to the third-man boundary - a regular scenario at school-level cricket. This time during the match between BM School of Barisal and Comilla Zilla School at the Dhanmondi Club ground yesterday. BM School won. - Star photo

Controversy over Beijing bid

ATLANTA, Mar 16: The IOC is concerned that Beijing may have an unfair advantage over other cities bidding for the 2000 Olympics, reports Reuter. The controversy centres on links between the Beijing Bid Committee's public relations consultants and another public relations firm contracted to the International Olympic Committee.

OIC public relations director Andrew Napier told Reuters. "We are neutral but we have to be seen to be neutral. Therefore I have said to Grey-GCI that there has got to be changes in the current situation to make sure that they too, as our official agency, are not only neutral but are seen to be neutral."

Sydney Bid Committee asking whether Grey-GCI were working for Beijing. He had assured Sydney that there was no contractual link but said he shared concern expressed by Kevin Gosper, the Australian IOC vice-president, and would seek a solution. There was no immediate comment from the bidding cities. FIDE deadline for Kasparov, Short