Pak club due Mar 29

Sports Reporter

Airport Gymkhana Pakistan, a club side, will arrive in the city on March 29 to play a number of erteket matches in and outside the

Airport Cymkhana were to have made their tour during the first and second week of last month but the programme was deferred because of the Navana Premier Division cricket league.

During their stay in the country, Airport Gymkhana are expected to play three matches at the Dhaka Stadium against Mohammedan Sporting Club, Abahani Krtra Chakra and a Navana XI made up of players from the Premier Division

They will play some more matches outside Dhaka, possibly in Sylhet, Jessore and Tangail.

The Bangladesh Cricket Control Board is yet to receive the final list of the visitors.

Div II cricket

Sports Reporter

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

and then remained undeaten on 32 yet he failed to save Three Star from a nine-run

Electing to bat, Amariyoti were all out for a paltry 111 in 31.4 overs, extras topscoring with 21.

Three Star Club were shot out for 102 in 32 overs with Johnny topscoring with 32 from 70 balls with the help of three fours while Tipu made 19 off 35 deliveries

Last year's cham-

pions Comilla Zi-

lla School bowed

out of the

cleventh 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 yes-

others who made the quarter-

finals yesterday were Satkhira

Govt High School and

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

opener Munna in the fifth over

with the scoreboard reading

12. Munna was bowled by

tle for Comilla School last year

with his mesmerizing leg-spin,

joined Shantoo and these two

took the collection to 41 in 8.5

overs before Shantoo was bril-

liantly bowled by Shahid after

making 15 from 24 balls with

Skipper Himu came to the

wicket and, pairing with

Hassan, the man-of-the-match

in last year's final, raced along

to 85 in 17.1 overs before

Hassan ran himself out. Hassan

made 33 from 48 balls with

the help of four hits to the

from 70 balls while Khokon

remained unbeaten on 22 as

Comilia Zilla School made 193

losing seven wickets from their stipulated quota of 40

33 was most successful of the

BM School bowlers while

skipper Siddique and Liton

ing total the BM School bats-

men scraped and scrounged

their way to reach the target,

making 194 for the loss of

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

valuable 25 to the total.

jected.

(West).

Extras contributed an in-

Skipper Himu and Tarck

evenly shared four wickets be-

tween them for 17 and 36 re-

spectively and Hassan, Kallol

and Khokon took a wicket

apiece for Comilla Zilla School

who left the ground rather de-

judged the man-of-the-match

N'GANJ HS WIN

A breezy 84 from Munna

powered Narayangani High

School to a massive 141-run

victory egainst Bindu Bashini

High School of Tangatl at the

Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium

for his timely half-century.

Jelin of BM School was ad-

Jelin topscored with 51

nine wickets in 39 overs.

Chasing a somewhat impos-

took a wicket apiece.

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At the Dhanmondi Club

Narayangani High School.

Apart from BM High School

Another good win for Biman (We will outshine) Zimbabweans in dire straits

Sports Reporter

perbly against Abahani on the flerce new-ball bowling of Saiful Islam and Jahangir Talukdar Dulu and after almost a pathetic 16-ball three, he was clean bowled by Dulu. icket Club (GMCC) fell five

Indian Test disc-

ard Ruman Lam-

ba's fine knock of

91 went in vain

as the Greater

Mymensingh Cr-

runs short of the winning

target of 216 set by Bangladesh

Biman in the Navana Premier

Division super league at the

RAMAN LAMBA

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 Mohamm

edan Sporting Club and last

year's runners-up Abahani

Krira Chakra. Although right

now they are out of the

championship race, a big mar-

gin win over Brothers Union in

their last match of the league

may well give them to the run-

On a bright shiny morning,

Bangladesh Biman couldn't

have had a worse start. After

being sent in to bat, the Biman

batsmen were off to a terrible

start, losing the first wicket

ners-up position.

But at the other end, veteran Ahmed Igbal Bachehu did not lose his cool and with Zakarja he batted cautiously for the next 91 balls before he was outrun by a Rownakul Islam Tutul throw for 31. The score then read 62. Zakarta followed Bachchu almost immediately, being trapped leg before for 23 by leg-spinner Sanjeeva Weerasinghe, to leave Biman staggering on 62 for three.

Shahnawaz Shahid Shanu, riding on a series of superb knocks, again walked in to steady the rocking Biman innings. He anchored two valuable partnerships to haul his side out of trouble. With Mahbubur Rahman Sclim who scored 15, he put on 38 runs for the fourth wicket and then with Pakistani World Cup allrounder Wasim Haider contributed another 54 for the fifth-wicket before being bowled by Shri Lankan Weerasinghe for a breezy 50. His 55-ball knock was embel-

lished with five fours and a six. Wasim Haider, the tall, well-built Pakistani who is having a wonderful time with the bat in the league, again showed his customary flatr, going after the bowlers from the very first ball. He was out to the first ball of the 40th over when he mishit a Saiful delivery to give Billu a catch. His cameo knock of 41 needed only 36 balls and was made with the help of four well timed fours.

Haider was the sixth man out and the rest of the Biman batsmer. could add only another 41 runs. Of them, only Rupam reached double-digits

making 12 off 13 balls.

for only five runs. Shaheen, the tall opening bat who batted su-Dulu, with his left-arm fast-Defending champions bow out

Sports Reporter

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 quicklire 84 off 89 deliveries, a knock that included six hits across the fence and two over

Jahangir(Jr) made a 58-ball 40 with the help of four boundaries while Mona remained unbeaten on 22 from 18 balls

Extras contributed a useful 30 to the total

However, the highlight of the Narayanganj School innings was a 97-run partnership for the fourth wicket between Munna and Jahangir

Babu(Jr) claimed three wickets for 44 and Sonnet took two for 25 while Nilov and Tapash got a wicket each for Bindu Bashini School.

With wickets falling at regular interval, the Bindu Bashini School batsmen were never in the chase, being finally dismissed for a paltry 88 in 27.4

Niloy was the only batsman to reach double figures scoring 25 while sundries added 14.

Narayanganj Iligh School skipper Sajal with three wickcts for nine from 3.4 overs ripped through the Tangail school's batting line-up while Raj bagged two for 16.

Munna of Narayangani school received the man-ofthe-match award for his brilliant 84.

SATKHIRA WIN BIG

Satkhira Govt High School registered a flattering 182-run victory against Anjumane Adarsha School of Netrokona

at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium (East).

The Satkhira School skipper Altaf won the toss and elected to bat.

incredible 75. Rana scored 48 from 63

balls with the help of six boundaries and Shimul and Moni got 25 each.

The Netrokona school skipper Ali Hassan claimed three wickets for 36 and Rajib, wicket each

A devastating five-wicket



Russel claimed his five wickets for only 10 runs from six overs and Shimul took three for 25 while Sharif got

one without conceding a run. Quite expectedly, Russel was adjudged the man-of-the-

Willes Little Flower vs Khulna GM School (DCS) Sylhet Aided School vs

for the loss of seven wickets with sundries amounting to an

Mamun and Utpal took a

haul from Russel helped

TODAY'S MATCHES

Rafbari School (DCG)

Satkhira School made 244



Satkhira School bowl out Netrokona Adarsha School for a meagre 62 with Mr Sundries becoming the only one to reach double figures with 28.

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. Satful and Weerasinghe claimed two apiece.

Lamba and Tutul opened the GMCC innings confidently.



SHANU...50 handsome under the circumstances, until Babul found the gap between Tutul's bat and

Tutul made 12.

pad to dislodge his stumps.

Anisuddin Bhuiyan 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 The GMCC innings followed a definite pattern throughout with no partnership being able to yield more than 46 runs. Till 172 there was an uncannily familiar sequence with the batsman coming in to join Lamba at the crease, staying for a short period to put on some 20 plus scores, and then walking back to the pavilion. Only Pappu, the GMCC wicket-

keeper, made a difference.

Pappu, coming in to bat at number seven after the fall of his skipper Tariquzzman Munir, joined Lamba with the score on 117 for five. The two seemed to click when they raced the score to 163 in only 8.5 over, taking almost a run a ball before the stout GMCC keeper was fooled by an Enamul Haq Mont left-armer for 17. Lamba followed his tracks nine runs later after occupying the crease for more than 97 balls. Lamba scored 91 in that time with the help of eight fours. His first 50 runs came in 64 balls while the re-

maining 41 were made of only 33 balls. When the tall Delht crickcter trudged his way back to the pavilion GMCC needed 42 runs for victory in 40 bails and they had three more wickets

in hand.

Dulu, following up a wonderful performance with the ball, led a late charge with a very useful 26 made off 34 balls. But his allround effort could not held GMCC's cause as they ran out of wickets as well as time. The innings folded on 209.

Enamul Haq Mont, Btman's skipper, returned the best figures of three wickets for 51 runs, not very impressive but enough to stave the GMCC cricketers off.

TODAY'S MATCH

Brothers vs GMCC (Dhaka

Stadium)

Schools handball Rahmatullah Model High School outplayed Kamalapur High school by 14 goals to four in the fifth Bata schools handball tournament at the Outer Stadium handball court yester-



OH, NO! . . . a batsman misses his shot and the ball fools 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

Windies pacemen, says Mahmood

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

Mahmood, whose team arrived on Sunday, said he was confident Pakistan's pace at tack would match the muchvaunted West Indian combination of Curtly Ambrose and lan "Certainly, there is no

question of our not matching them. We have the two Ws Wagar and Wasim) who will not only match but perhaps surpass," said Mahmood. Captain Akram stressed leg-

spinner Mushtaq Ahmed and left arm spinner Nadeem Khan should not be under-estimated. They are quality bowlers

but how we use them will obviously depend on the wickets," said Akram, who is leading his country on a Test tour for the first time since replacing the sacked Javed Mtandad.

"This tour is very important for Pakistan's cricket because we have been losing for the past few months ... especially to the West Indies," said Akram in a reference to one day tournaments in Australia and South Africa.

But he also warned: "My team is young... I ask people don't expect something extraordinary.' We will simply be trying to play positive cricket." Akram said victory over

West Indies in the three-Test

series would make his team the best in the world." West Indies have not lost a Test series since early 1980 when they were beaten 1-0 in a three-match rubber in New

Zealand. Miandad, the third highest scorer in Test history with 8.569 runs from 118 Tests, said the tour would be another

testing one from him. "We have some talented players, but as always a lot of the burden will be on me to score heavily during the

Pakistan, who play five-oneday international before the Tests, open their itinerary with a four-day match against Jamaica starting in Kingston on Thursday.

series," he said

DMFA likely to give in to giants' demand

Sports Reporter

The controversial inter-club players' transfers for the 1993 Premier Division and First Division football leagues are, after all, likely to be conducted from April 21 to 25, as demanded by Abahani Krira Chakra and Mohammedan Sporting Club, the two soccer glants of the country.

An announcement to this effect is expected after today's emergency meeting of the Dhaka Metropolis Football Association (DMFA) with its chief M Azizul Huq in the

The DMFA executive body will meet the representatives of Abahant and Mohammedan Sporting to discuss the joint petition of the 17 clubs vis-avis the transfers.

The clubs had asked the DMFA last Monday to hold the transfers from April 21 to 25 instead of the two-phased transfers - from March 15 to 21 and April 21 to 25 - as announced by the league committee.

The DMFA president postponed the transfers, which began on Monday, for two days yesterday (Monday) and today - following the joint petition of the clubs.

The postponement of the transfers process is a moral victory for the two big clubs who had repeatedly said that they would not participate in the transfers procedure before late April. The two-phased transfers

were introduced by the DMFA in an attempt to convince Abahani and Mohammedan Sporting, who had even threatened to boycott the league if their demands were not met, that the game was bigger than the clubs. But alas, the two clubs have once again proven bigger than the game. The two preponderant

sporting powers of the country met the State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadck Hossain Khoka last Monday at his secretarial office and asked him to resolve the impasse. Observers feel that the

Sports Minister's interference, albeit indirectly, has forced the DMFA to swallow the bitter pill and reconsider its decision so as to create a congenial atmosphere for the muchvaunted players' transfers.

Santoro recalled PARIS, Mar 16: New

French Davis Cup captain Georges Goven recalled 20year-old Fabrice Santoro on Monday when he named his squad for a world group first round tie with Austria



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. Following on 214 behind

after being bowled out for 322 in their first innings,



ANDY FLOWER 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 piay Wednesday to escape defeat in their first overseas match after being accorded Test status last year.

The Indians, who won the final two Tests against England by an innings to complete a 3-0 rout, were aided by a reck less display from the visiting

Needing 337 to save the follow on, Zimbabwe appeared safe when a 192-run stand between the Flower brothers, Andy (115) and Grant (96) took them to 275 for three an hour after lunch. Left-arm spinner Maninder Singh removed the deflant pair in the space of seven deliveries, triggering a sensational slump which saw Zimbabwe lose their last seven wickets for 47 runs.

Maninder, returning to the Test arena, finished with three for 79 and leg-spinner Antl Kumble claimed three for 90 as Zimbabwe fell 15 runs short of saving the follow on.

Resuming Monday's unfinished fourth-wicket stand of 69, the Flower brothers batted comfortably for the first three

hours denying the Indians any success on the slow Kotla

Left-handed Andy Flower. who joined skipper David Houghton and Kevin Arnott as Zimbabwe's third centurion, played both spin and pace with case during his 289-minute stay at the crease which included 15 hits to the fence.

He appeared set for a bigger score when Mantader turned one sharply across the bat for wicket-keeper Vijay Yadav to complete a neat stumping down the leg side. In his next over, the tur-

baned 5tkh trapped Grant Flower leg before as the batsman, four short of the coveted three-figure mark, attempted to cut one that kept low. Kumble then removed Briant and Eddo Brandes while

Maninder accounted for David

Brain (zero) in the next 26 deliveries as Zimbabwe slumped to 287 for eight, still 50 runs away from avoiding the follow Left-hander Ali Shah and debutant Ujesh Ranchod revived the tourists' hopes by adding 31 in 30 minutes for

the ninth wicket, before offspinner Rajesh Chauhan broke the threatening stand by bowling Ranchod for seven. Shah, who struck four boundaries in a heroic 25 off 52 balls, undid the good work when he ran himself out at

run in the company of last man John Traicos. Shah flicked Chouhan to deep square leg and turned for a second run even as Navjot Sidhu swooped on the ball and banged in a return to wicket-

tempting a needless second

keeper Yadav. The Indian fielders were delighted when umpire Srinivas Venkatraghvan a former Test captain, ruled Shah run out as Yadav broke the wicket with the batsman narrowly failing to ground his Zimbabwe's second innings

began disastrously when scamer Manoj Prabhakar trapped Grant Flower leg before for zero with the third ball of the second over. Kevin Arnott and left-hander Altstair Campbell carried

with a delivery that kept low. SCOREBOARD Fourth day's scoreboard in

the one off cricket Test between India and Zimbabwe at the Kotla here Tuesday:

INDIA: Pirst innings 536-7 dec (Kambli 227, Sidhu 61, Tendulkar 62, Amre 52 not out, Traicos 3-186). •

(overnight 152-3) Arnott Ibw b Kapti G Flower low b Maninder



GRANT FLOWER ...

Houghton Ibw b Kumble A Flower st Yaday b Maninder Briant st Yadav b Kumble Shah run out Brandes c Sidhu b Kumble Brain c Kambli b Maninder Ranched b Chauhan Traicos not out Extras: (b-4, lb-10, w-1, nb-51 Total: tall out)

3-83: 4-275; 5-276; 6-276; 7-286: 8-287: 9-318 0 Bowling: 37 23 Prabhakar

Fall of wickets: 1-0; 2-53;

Tendulkar Time: 486 minutes

Chauthan

Kumble

Arnott b Maninder G Flower Ibw b Prabhakar Campbell not out loughton not out Extras: (b-4, lb-3, w-2) Total: (for two wickets) Fall of wickets: 1-2; 2-53 Bowling: Prabhakar 16 Chouhan

England, SL to play for a win



COLOMBO, Mar 16: England and Shri Lanka, evenly poised after three days in the one-off Test, will play "positive cricket" for a result when play resumes after

Tuesday's rest, the two sides said, reports AP. In reply to England's first innings' 380, Shri Lanka was 408 for 8 at close on Monday with flamboyant batsman Hashan Jillekeratne at the crease on 51. His last props are Muttiah Muralidharan and

Jayananda Warnaweera, who

are not expected to last long on Wednesday. "We just want to bat as long as possible, add 30 or 40 runs to the 28-run lead," captain Arjuna Ranatunga said in an informal chat with reporters late

Monday. "A lead of 75 would be good scene, because we can put pressure on the England batsmen," he said just a before dinner reception by the Shri Lanka cricket board for the two tcams.

"If we play positively there might be a result in the match," he saici, adding that

the pitch is taking spin now and will show an uneven bounce, helping the Shri Lankan bowlers when England start their second innings. probably around lunch.

Shri Lanka are looking for their first win against England in their fifth Test encounter in 10 years while the visitors will try to salvage some pride after last month's 3-0 Test thrashing in India where they had to follow-on in every Test.

England team manager Keith Fletcher said his players will look for a result in the next two days.

"I expect the batsmen to make a big score as quickly as possible when we bat again," Fletcher said, also before the reception. "We will play positively," he said. Fletcher said he was happy

with the team's performance on Monday, especially with medium pacer Chris Lewis whose second spell with the new ball 'yielded figures of 7-3-9-2, achieving crucial breakthroughs that triggered a middle order collapse.

Shr' Lanka, who were cruising at 330 for 3, lost five wickets for 46 runs when

Tillekaratne took charge to boost the score.

could make a century. . "That's where we went

came for the all-male reception in national dress, a cream stik wraparound and a loose kurta or shirt, and was the only person not dressed in a western suit.

Tests, also a national record.

The cricket board secre-Shri Lanka.

Shri Lanka is especially sore series of at least three matentering the Test arena in

Sydney Bid Committee asking

whether Grey-GCI were work-

He had assured Sydney that

there was no contractual link

but said he shared concern

expressed by Kevan Gosper,

the Australian OIC vice-presi-

dent, and would seek a solu-

comment from the bidding

FIDE deadline for

Kasparov, Short

LUCERNE, Switzerland,

There was no immediate

ing for Beijing.

tion.

cities.

ATLANTA, Mar cities bidding for the 2000

Olympics, reports Reuter. links between the Beijing Bid Committee's public relations consultants and another public relations firm contracted to

21 was recently set up to orchestrate Beijing's campaign to win the Games. The OIC decides in Monte Carlo on September 23. Strategy 21 was a breakaway company formed by a number

"This is not satisfactory," a senior OIC source said on Monday. "It has created an un-

footing."

"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

Napier said he accepted Grey-GCI's assurances that they had no contractual link with the Beijing Bid Commi-

head of the Grey-GCI's Hong Kong operation was working for Beijing on a voluntary basis. "I accept that there is no

and Beijing. But I am concerned about any personal work that Grey-GCl people may be doing," Napter added. He did not suggest that the

might appear to others. "I hope we just have a perception issue," he added. Grey-

had come to light when he received an inquiry from the

32 Maninder Overs: 135.1 ZIMBABWE: Second in-

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the score to 53 before Maninder bowled Arnott for 21 Kumble

Maninder

Although the Shri Lankan innings was peppered with five half-centuries and a 43 by Asanka Gurusinha, no batsman

wrong," said Ranatunga, who

Ranatunga, a national hero, has scored 2,166 runs, the highest for Shri Lanka, in 38

tary, Neil Perera, said Ranatunga and other players would have crossed the 5,000 mark if other cricketing nations would have played more cricket with

with England for having played only one test instead of a full ches, even though this Indian Ocean island nation has grown in cricketing stature since

Controversy over Beijing bid



16: The OIC is concerned that Beijing may have an unfair advantage over other

The controversy centres on the International Olympic Committee.

A company called Strategy

of consultants who had until then worked for the New York-based group Grey-GCI, which is under contract to the OIC to handle various marketing and communications af-

even field." There's no doubt that it puts Beijing on a preferred

Beijing and Sydney are the front runners in a field of six candidates also comprising Berlin, Brasilia, Istanbul and Manchester, England.

OIC public relations director Andrew Napier told Reuters.

be neutral."

But he understood that the

formal link between Grey-GCI

present arrangements gave Beijing any material advantage over other candidates, but said he was concerned about how it

GCI's letterhead bears the five Olympic rings and states that the company is an official agency of the OIC. Napier said the situation

FIDE

The move amounted to an attempt by the players, one of several in the past decade to wrest control of professional chess away from amateur administrators. It prompted a threat of legal action from

Mar 16: The World Chess Federation(FIDE) said on Monday it was giving world champion Garry Kasparov and challenger Nigel Short another week to back down from staging their impending final themselves, reports Reuter.

Last month Kasparov and

Short invited bids for venues

to hold the final outside FIDE's auspices, saying the chess body had failed to consider their wishes when it awarded the match to Short's British home city of Manchester.

ZIMBABWE: First innings: