

Narayanganj Govt High School skipper Sajal receiving the championship trophy of the 11th Nirman schools cricket tournament from Foreign Minister A S M Mostafizur Rahman at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain Khoka and K Z Islam, Managing Director of Nirman International, the sponsors, are also seen among others. - Star photo

N'ganj Govt High Nirman champs

Sports Reporter

Narayanganj High School won the title for the second time when they beat Gazi High School of Khulna by three wickets in the final of the 11th

In a low-scoring match, the Narayangani School spinners led by skipper Sajal restricted the Khulna school boys to 145.

Nirman schools cricket cham-

pionship at the Dhaka Stadium

yesterday.



Chasing a fairly easy target of 146 for victory, the Narayanganj openers, specially Pappu, one of the two younger brothers of national cricketer Jahangir Alam of Abahani, gave their side a rollicking start. A sudden slump saw them slid to 78 for five but skipper Sajal conjured up a rearguard action in tandem with Jahangir (Sr) to carn a three-wicket victory for his side.

While Jahangir, the number seven batsman, remained unbeaten on 38, the topscore

Kaisar Hamid, the

tall defender of

Sporting Club,

the captain of the

Mohammedan

has been named

Bangladesh national football

team to play in the two-leg

World Cup qualifying rounds

starting in Japan from/April 8

Yesterday, the Bangladesh

Football Federation (BFF) offi-

cially announced the 22-

member squad. Senior Division

giants Abahani Krira Chakra

and Mohammedan Sporting

Club have the maximum repre-

sentation in the national

squad with as many as seven

of their players earving a

niche in the 22-member

party. PWD's Rakib and

Eskaton Sabuj Sangha's Arman

are the only players outside

the now familiar monopoly of

the top three clubs -- Moha-

mmedans, reigning Scnior

Division league champions

Abahani and Brothers Union -

squad.

to have squeezed in to the

players are goalkeeper Sayced

Hassan Kanan, defenders

Kaisar Hamid, Jewel Rana and

The seven Mohammedan

and in the UAE from April 28.

of the match, Sajal made 16 in addition to the three wickets he got in the Khulna innings and match adjudicator Aminul other opener, and from five for Islam Bulbul had no hesitation in picking the victorious skipper as the man-of-the-match.

Sajal set the pattern in the



SAJAL ... m-o-m morning when he beat his counterpart Moni in the spin High School were asked to make the first use of the strip and Narayangani paceman Jahangir (Sr) who shone with the bat later dealt Khulna an carly blow when he had opener Sclim taken by Rubel for one.

the coin. Gazi Memorial Wicketkeeper Suman, who

22 picked for nat'l squad

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Barun Bikash Dewan, midfield-

ers Rumman bin-Wali Shabbir,

Saiful Bari Titu and striker

Imtiaz Ahmed Nakib. The

seven Abahani players are

goalkeeper Mohsin, defenders

KAISER HAMID

Golam Gaus.

Masud Rana, Rezaul Karim

Rehan, midfielders Alamgir

and Rumi Rizvi Karim, for-

wards Mamun Joarder and

Brothers Union's Ponir is

came at number three for the Khulna school, batted sensibly in harness with Karim, the one they took the score to 60.

Tapu sent back Karim for 18 in the 14th over and nine runs later Suman's bright knock came to an end when Mona, the other brother of Abahani cricketer Jahangir removed him with his off-spin. Suman played 39 balls for his 36 and sent the ball five times across the fence.

Suman's departure triggered off a collapse as Sajal's left-arm spin accounted for two Khulna batsmen and with Mona turning the screw wickets kept on falling regularly until Satu appeared at the wicket to reverse the trend to some extent.

Satu played some firm shots in front of the wicket to remain unbeaten on 25 when the Khulna school ran out of their quota of forty-five overs with the scoreboard showing 145.

Sajal, the tiny soft-spoken left-armer, finished with the superb figures of three for 12 from his quota of nine overs, including four maidens. Sajal finished the meet with seven wickets.

Mona, who won the man-ofthe match award in the semifinal against Satkhira High School with a haul of four wickets, bowled tightly again to take two for 24. Tapu was

the third goalkeeper in the

team, Defenders Arif liossain

Moon, Ataur Rahman Khan,

Pijush Nandy and medio

Satyajit Das Rupu are the other

players from Gopibagh side to

have made it to the national

forward, and crafty midfielder

Arman, who plays for Eskaton

Sabui Sangha, complete the 22

Sheikh Akmal Hossain has re-

placed Saifuddin Ahmed

Manik, a BFF member, as the

Of the 25 players called to

camp by the BFF on February 3

last, only Abahant's defender

Monem Munna, Mohammedan

midfielder Mahbubur Rahman

Roxy and Wari forward Tutul

failed to impress the selectors

following the coaching camp

Of course the omission of

conducted by Kazi Salahuddin,

the ace striker of yesteryears.

Monem Munna is for disci-

plinary reasons. The ace de-

fender, reputedly the highest

paid player of the country last

season, has been suspended by

his club Abahani for breaking

club rules.

manager of the national team.

BFF General Secretary

member list.

PWD's Rakib, a nippy young

costly, claiming two for 40. The two Jahangirs playing for Narayanganj bagged one wicket

Pappu, the dashing Narayangani opener who was pipped to the post by his brother Mona in the race for the man-of-the-match award in the semifinal despite hitting an unbeaten 61, started yesterday from where he had left off, Friday. A look-alike of elder brother and Abahani opener Jahangir, Pappu played some delightful square cuts and flowing drives on the off side as Narayangani High School raced to 34 in 6.2 overs.

A dubious decision saw the downfall of Pappu's partner Tapu, adjudged leg before to off-spinner Mithu on the forward stroke for three.

Munna miscued an intended on-drive off Khulna skipper Moni, who opened the attack along with Turki, and Tuhin at mid-on coolly took the catch.

With the score on 38, Pappu went to flick Moni off his pads and the extra movement undid the aggressive batsman with Suman picking a neat leg side catch. Pappu's 27 off 38 balls included four delectable boundaries.

Restlessness resulted in the fall of a couple more Narayangani wickets with the batsmen throwing away their wickets after having played themselves in but first Sajal, and then Jahangir Sr. ended Khulna's hopes of an upset victory with some steady, sensible batting.

Jahangir's (Sr) belted half a dozen fours in his innings of 38 not out off 61 balls. His namesake Jahangir (Jr) with 15 and Mohsin with 12 were the other notable contributors in the Narayanganj High School innings of 146 for

seven in 43.2 overs. Moni bowled at a brisk pace to take two Narayangani wickets for 17. Mithu, the offspinner who had a hattrick against Rajbari School in the semifinal was, however, Khulna's best bowler of the day. He took three wickets for 26 runs. Mehdi and Montu had

one wicket each.

Foreign Minister and BCCB president A'S M Mostafizur Rahman gave away the prizes as the chief guest. National cricketer Aminul Islam Bulbul, who was the adjudicator for the man-of-the-match award, attended the function along with special guests State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain and K Z Islam, Managing Director of sponsors Nirman International and himself a former BCCB prest-

Twenty-one teams - 17 zonal champions from across the country and the four semi finalists of the Dhaka Zone took part in the final round.

Sports Reporter Reigning champions Moha-

mmedan Sporting Club take on arch-rivals Abahani Krira Chakra in the crucial last match of the 1992-93 Navana Premier Division cricket league at the Dhaka Stadium

Old foes fight

for Navana

title today

Both the popular clubs have set up the classic finale of this year's league by collecting 22 points from 14 matches each. They suffered three defeats

Apart from retaining the title, the success starved Mohammedans will look forward to today's match to exact an overdue revenge against their traditional foes of the the one-off Test. sporting arena.

Mohammedans lost both the encounters with Abahani this year. The jeremiad of the fancied team started from the | defeats in India before the Shri Damal Summer tournament, Hankan leg of the tour. the traditional curtain raiser of

the first phase of the Navana | might be able to end their tour league, Abahani humiliated on a high note when Smith Mohammedans with a stinging and Graeme Hick guided them cight-wicket victory with 1 to 77-1 in the first 16 overs.

plenty of overs to spare. cricketer Athula Samarasekara | leg before and England slipped played a tornadic innings of 169 off just 113 balls to make light work of Mohammedans' huge collection of a 250-plus score. Interestingly enough, Abahani skipper Gazi Ashraf flossain Lipu won the tosses on no wicket, then lost both both occasions.

Lipu, the former captain of the national team who was earher unsure about getting fit in February. time to play in today's vital match, has reportedly recovered from his waist injury and is likely to lead his side in its quest to regain the title, to add to their collection of the Damal Summer trophy earlier this

The Bangladesh Cricket Control Board has announced the rates of tickets for today's match. VIP Gate No 1 will cost Taka 100, 3A: Taka 50, 3B: Taka 30 and general galleries Taka 10.

BTV will telecast the match live from the Dhaka Stadium from 9:15 am onwards.

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Meanwhile, the BCCB has sanctioned a sum of Taka 20,000 for the treatment o ailing cricketer Asadur Rahman Hira.

The young leg-spinner, who signed for Victoria Sporting Club, is reportedly suffering from a rare debilitating disease that has caused paralysis.

Shantinagar B win promotion

Sports Reporter

Shantinagar B earned promotion to next year's Milnars First Division cricket league when they finished at the top of Group X in the Second Division super league after recording an impressive fivewicket victory over the Nirman XI in a play-off at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

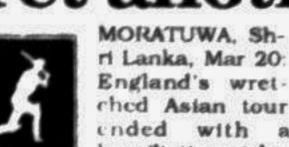
Nirman XI, batting first after having won the toss, could manage a poor 133 in 37 overs.

In reply Shantinagar crick eters cantered past the victory target with five wickets in hand and three overs to spare.

On the other strip of the DCS. Dhaka Wanderers Club registered a victory over Ajax Club by a similar margin to brighten their promotion chances.

The other team in the three-way fight for the top slot of Group Y is Bangladesh Boys.

Yet another loss for England



humiliating eightwicket defeat by Shri Lanka in the second one-day international at Moratuwa on Sa turday, reports Reuter.

Part-time left-arm spinner Sanath Jayasuriya wrecked havoc among Englands batsmen, taking six for 29 as the tourists collapsed from 77 for one to 180 all out. Aravinda de Silva, Shri

Lanka's favourite cricketer, scored 75 not out to steer his team to victory with the huge margin of 14.4 overs to spare.

The packed 12,000 crowed cheered Shri Lanka on as they added to their triumphs in the first one-day international and

Englands defeat rounded off one of their worst tours in 116 years of Test cricket. They crashed to three heavy Test To add to Englands woes

the domestic cricket season, Robin Smith was helped off when Abahani beat them in the | during the Shri Lankan inscmiffnal in the four wickets to | nings with what appeared to deprive Mohammedans a con- | be a knee injury. He landed secutive fourteenth entry into awkwardly when he narrowly the final of the memorial tour- failed to hold a diving catch off

Later, in the last match of | England looked as if they

But Smith was stumped off Abahani's Shri Lankan Jayasuriya, liick was given out to 114 for six. After a brief recovery the

> tourists were bowled out with seven balls remaining of their allotted 50 overs. Shri Lanka cruised to 66 for

openers to spinner lan Salisbury in his first over since the Madras Test in mid-He was unlucky not to dis-

miss De Silva for a duck off the first ball of his second over

when Smith failed to hold the

It was an expensive miss. De Silva smashed 28 off Salisbury's next 10 balls, including sixes off two full

Shri Lanka never faltered as they moved to a 2-0 win in



S JAYASURIYA . . . m-o-m

the one-day series to add to similar home successes against Australia and New Zealand.

England used Chris Lewis as an opener for the first time but he went for eight, caught pulling at Pramodya Wickeramasinghe. Smith and Hick prospered

against some short bowling only to come unstruck when the occasional bowlers were brought on.

Jayasuriya took five for 14 in 21 balls to rip the heart of the England batting.

Aravinda de Silva and Hashan Tillekaratne also part time bowlers, dismissed Mike Gatting and Alec Stewart respectively as everything Shri Lanka tried turned to gold.

The England bowling in contrast looked woeful, Lewis produced a tight spell but Paul Jarvis was hit for 22 in four overs and Paul Taylors first over cost 11.

> SCOREBOARD Scoreboard in the one-day

international between Shri

ENGLAND: Lewis c Ramanayake b Wickeramasinghe Smith st Ashley de Silva b Jayasurtya Hick Ibw Kalpage Fairbrother c Ashley de Sílva b Jayasuriya Stewart Ibw Title Karatne Gatting lbw Aravinda de Reeve b Jayasuriya Emburey c Ramanayke b Jayasuriya Salisbury not out Jarvis e Ashley de Silva b Jayasuriya Taylor b Jayasuriya Extras: (b-2; lb-9; nb -6; w-3)20

Lanka and England Saturday.

Total: (All out, 48.1 overs) 180 Fall of wickets: 1-23; 2-77; 3-85; 4-11; 5-114; 6-125; 7-168; 8-172, 9-177.

Bowling	0	M	R	W
Ramanayake	4	0	20	0
Wickcramasinghe	8	0	23	1
Gurustnha	4	0	21	0
Hathurusinghe	2	0	13	0
Kidpage	10	0	27	1
Jayasuriya 9	.5	0	29	6
Aravinda de Silva	7	1	22	1
Tillekarantne	4	0	14	1
SHRI LANKA:				

Mahanama c Stewart b Salisbury Hathurusinghe c and b Salisbury Gurusinha not out 75 P A dc Silva not out Extras: (b-1, lb-2; nb-6; w-21 Total: [For 2 wkts in 35 2 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-66, 2-68

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aylor	3	0	20	0
mburcy	6	0	29	0
alisbury	4	0	36	2
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leeve	5	0	24	0
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Jayasuriya, Shri Lanka Result: Shri Lanka won by eight wickets.

Jamaicans halt Pak inroads Rameez Raja c Andrews KINGSTON, Jamwhile they cut and drove the



aica. Mar 20: Jamaican fifthwicket pair Cleveland Davidson and Laurie Williams shared an unbroken stand

of 171 to hold up Pakistan's cricketers in their opening tour match on Friday, reports Reuter.

Davidson struck an unbeaten 86 and Williams hit 65 not out to lift Jamaica to 249 for four in reply to Pakistan's first innings of 319 for four declared at the close on the second day of the four-day

The pair came together at 78 for four after leg spinner Mushtaq Ahmed had removed former Test wicketkeeperbatsman Jeff Dujon for seven and current international Jimmy Adams for 27 in quick succession.

Mushtaq's wrist spin trapped Dujon leg before on the back foot and lured Adams down the pitch for wicketkeeper Moin Khan to make an easy stumping. Jamaica had suffered their

first setback when Delroy Morgan was dispatched by Wasim Akram's fourth delivery of the innings without a run on the board, while Robert Samuels was run out in the first over after lunch by a direet hit from Basit Ali at midwicket. Davidson and Williams tilted

the balance in entertaining fashion. They often appeared not to read Mushtaq but punished his loose deliveries,

fast bowlers with authority. Davidson, who reached his half-century in 134 minutes off

99 balls, had a reprieve on 69 when he drove Mushtag to short cover where Zahid Fazal came up with the ball. Fazal threw up the ball in apparent appeal and umpire

Verley Harrison raised his finger, but the batsman stood his ground in the belief that the ball was not caught cleanly. Pakistan captain Akram consulted with Fazal and withdrew the appeal. Pakistan, 296 for four

overnight, declared after just 50 minutes with Basit Ali unbeaten on 51. SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the second day of the four-day match between Pakistan and Jamaica at Sabina Park on Friday:

PAKISTAN: First innings (overnight 296 for four)

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BRIDGETOWN, Barbados Mar 20: The winners of the forthcoming three-match Test series between West Indies and Pakistan will pocket 3,000 dollars, reports Reuter. A further 1,000 dollar

will be on offer to the side winning each Test, the West Indies Cricket Board of Control said on Friday. Man-of-the-match

awards will be dollar 250 and the man-of-the-series will collect 1,000 dollar.

Aamir Sohail c Haynes Inzamamul Hag c Andrews b Haynes 106 Zahid Fazal c'Adams b Williams Basit Ali not out Astf Mujtaba not out Extras: (lb-1; nb-21) Total : (for four wickets declared) Fall of wickets: 1-32; 2-122; 3-219; 4-294

Did not bat: Moin Khan, Wasim Akram, Waqar Younis, Mushtag Ahmed, Ataur Rehman

Rose Andrews Williams 61 26 Adams JAMAICA: First innings D Morgan c Moin b Akram R Samuels run out J Adams st Moin b Mushtag 27 J Dujon Ibw b Mushtag C Davidson not out L Williams not out

Fall of wickets: 1-0; 2-58; 3-73; 4-78 To bat: Patrick Gayle, Robert Haynes, Franklyn Rosc, Anthony Andrews, Nehemiah

Extras: (b-6, lb-13, w-1,

Total: (four wickets)

nb-12)

Bowling: Wasim Akram 15 1 58 1 Wagar Younis 41 0 11 1 Mushtag Ahmed **Aamir Sohail** Ataur Rehman 14 2

so a change in the order can

to the line-up for Sunday's

second match against New

Zealand at Lancaster Park, but

Boon is expected to return

New Zealand is expected to

surprise the opposition."

may bat at No 3.

Mark Waugh likes opening

career as an opener for New

South Wales before slotting in

the number four spot several

ularly poor starter and said the

move up to open in one-day

cricket could help his concen-

The 27-year-old is a partic-

years ago.



an batsman Mark Waugh said Saturday that he was enjoying his new role as an opener and would be prepared to accept a permanent move up the order as the Aussies re-shape their limit-

CHRISTCHURH,

Mar 20: Australi-

Waugh opened in place of the injured David Boon in the first one-day international against New Zealand on Friday and smoothly adjusted to his new role, scoring 60 from 73 deliveries.

ed-overs tactics, reports AP.

Australia won the game by 129 runs and captain Allan Border said his team was ready to be more aggressive in the remaining four matches of the

"I was asked to open and I jumped at the chance," Waugh "In the one-day game, I've

been batting down the order and I needed to have a decent "I would much rather bat at the top of the order than down

cricket." "Sometimes you don't get as many opportunities as you like and, opening the batting,

in the middle in one-day

you get those opportunities." "I enjoyed it, so if I got the opportunity again, I would take away.

"Our one-day cricket has probably been a bit predictable Waugh began his first-class

MARK WAUGH tration in the early part of his

innings. When you're down the order, you can be sitting there

doesn't help me," he said. "I don't mind opening and getting on with it straight

for hours and that certainly

make at least one change on Sunday with Chris Haris set to replace opener Rod Latham. Latham made just one run in the first game and Harris is likely to come into the middleorder, meaning Andrew Jones would move up to open the batting with Mark Greatbatch. Schools handball Sports Reporter School maintained their win-

Ansars and VDP High

ning streak in the fifth Bata Schools handball tournament when they waltzed past Kamalapur High School at the Outer Stadium handball court vesterday. With Ripon and Delwar at their best the Ansar boys

beginning by scoring at will. They led the first half 13-3. Ripon topped the scorers' tally with 12 goals while

dominated from the very

Delwar netted eleven times. The tournament will re-

sume on April I after a break for the forthcoming Eid-ul-Fitr from today till March 31.

