Bangladesh meet Thailand in their last first-leg match of the 1994 World Cup. Astan Group F qualifiers today at the Tokyo National Stadium at 11:00 am Bangladesh time.

Bangladesh, who made a disastrous start having suffered a humilitating 8-0 defeat to hosts Japan in their inaugural match on April 11, now have two points from three outings.

They beat Shrt Lanka by a solitary goal in the next match on April 13 and then lost to the United Arab Emirates who represented Asia along with South Korea in the last World Cup in Italy in 1990-by the lowest possible margin on April 15.

Favourites Japan and UAE are jointly leading the table with full six points from three matches each.

Both Thailand and Bangladesh have two points from three matches each while Shri Lanka have lost all their first-leg matches.

All the teams will travel to the UAE to play their secondleg matches to be held in Abudhabi from April 28 to May 7.

Meanwhile, the Bangladesh Sports Journalists' Association (BSJA) has condemned the alleged misbahaviour of chief de mission of Bangladesh delegation A H Mofazzal Karim, additional secretary in charge of the Ministry of Textiles, with sports reporter Mahfuzur Rahman of Banglabazar Potrika last Thursday.

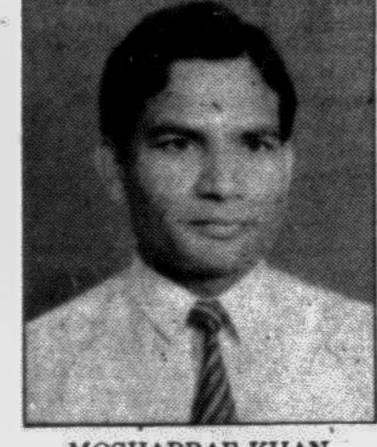
Mofazzal Karim, a senior vice-president of the Bangladesh Football Federation, reportedly used harsh language with Mahfuz, who along with three others local reporters are now in Japan to cover the

The BSJA yesterday in press release called upon all concerned quarters to avoid recurrence of such appalling incident for the healthy atmosphere of the sporting arena.

### Mosharraf for Australia

Sports Reporter

Veteran ace swimmer Mosharraf Hossain Khan leaves Dhaka for Australia today to take part in the Australian Masters Games scheduled to be held in Perth from April 24 to May 2.



MOSHARRAF KHAN

Mosharraf's trip to Down Under has been jointly sponsored by Bangladesh Swimming Federation Basundhara real estate: The BTMC deputy general manager will be accompanied by his wife Anila Mosharraf, who will act as his manager.

#### Pioneer soccer Sports Reporter

Both matches of the Janata Bank Pioneer football super league ended in draws at the

Outer Stadium yesterday. In the day's first match, Mirpur Sports, Physical and Cultural Centre shared points with KR Boys Sporting Club in goals this season. a one-all draw.

Md Manna Sarkar scored for the Mirpur team while Jamal Hossain found the mark for KR Boys. thigh problem.

Kawran Bazar Progati Sangha drew goalless with

Shatadal Samaj Kallyan Sangha in the other match of the day. Bachchu Mia of Kawran him for the World Cup qualifier Bazar was shown the yellow

Sports Reporter stroked the ball with his usual aplomb to remain not out on 83 off 63 balls with the help of seven fours and a sixer, a knock which earned him the

Defending cham-

pions Chittagong

and runners-up

Sylhet braved a

merciless sun to

cavourt into the

semifinals of the 19th Gold

Leaf national cricket cham-

pionship with facile wins at

different city venues yesterday.

Akram Khan who followed his

stupendous 125 in the last

match with yet another typi-

cally aggressive knock yester-

day, Chittagong yesterday

amassed 245 for only three

wickets in their quarter-final

match against Kushtia at the

Their bowlers - particu-

larly off-spinners Rubel and

Salahuddin - then took over

from their batsmen to skittle

out Kushtia for a paltry 120,

thus presenting the port dis-

trict a fairly easy passage to the

semifinal with an 125-run vic-

while Salahuddin picked up

another two for only 14 runs

from eight overs of spot-on

bowling. Afzal mopped up the

tail with fine figures of three

for 14 but not before the

deadly duo had done the dam-

batsmen, groveling under the

spin and the oppressive heat

was reflected in the statistical

analysis of their innings which

recorded only three double

figure innings apart from the

31 extras. Opener Safig top-

scored with 27, followed by

Apan 18 and skipper Ripon

Ripon won the toss and put

Chittagong into bat only to rue

his decision for rest of the

day, as Chittagong batsmen

flayed the hapless Kushtia

ber three after the fall of

Azam's wicket for 47 with the

total on 89 in the 21st over,

Akram, who came at num-

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Earlier in the morning.

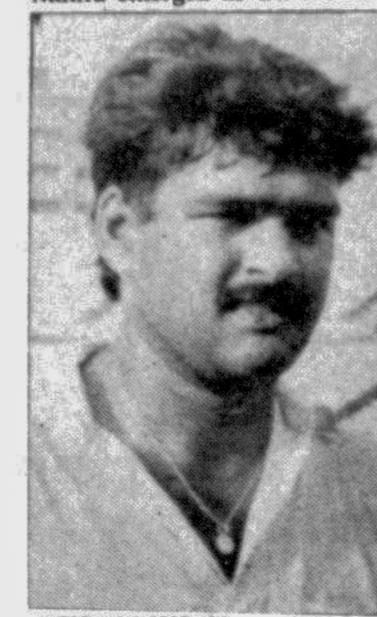
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Rubel took three for 17

Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

Inspired by the prolific

man-of-the-match award. Skipper Minhazul Abedin Nannu emerged as the second



AKRAM KHAN . . . m-o-m highest scorer with a "fluent innings of 53 off 42 balls. The skipper of the national team sent the ball three times across the fence and once over it. His elder brother Nurul Abedin Nobel, whom he replaced at the wicket following the fall of the second wicket, made 42.

Despite the run glut resulting in a huge Chittagong collection of 245 for three from the possible 40 overs. Kushtia's Jewel toiled manfully to finish with the best figures for his side. He took two for 29 from eight overs. Darda took the other wicket that fell in the Chittagong innings for 35

Chittagong play former champions Dhaka University in the first semifinal starting from today at the Dhaka Stadium. Both the semifinals

Arsenal face Wednesday in today's League final

will be a 80 overs side contest with each to be played over two days.

In the quarter-final clash held yesterday at the Dhaka Stadium, star-studded Sylhet made short work of youthful Narayanganj to earn a semifinal encounter with another former champions, Bangladesh Biman, scheduled for April 20 and 21.

Sylhet beat Narayangani by five wickets in a match reduced to 5-overs-a-side because of overnight rain. Chasing 129 for victory they got the needful in 23.5 overs for the loss of five wickets. Azhar Hossain Shantu, the

bespectacled off-spinner, who had taken two wickets earlier in the Narayangani innings. topscored with 29 to become the man-of-the match. Liton and Rafiq scored 24 each.

Experienced Sylhet bowlers set the pattern of the match in the morning as skipper Golam Faruq Suru won the toss and chose to field first.

Although Suru himself and Golam Nawsher Prince were roughed up a bit by the Narayanganj openers, first change bowler Athar Ali struck immediately after his introduction to the attack. The tall allrounder removed

Arif cheaply and then Shantu and left-armer Saikat dealt two quick blows after Narayangani had crawled to 61 from a shaky 20 for one. However, Wahid lived up to the expectations brooked in the slog overs with a cameo knock of 34. He smote two sixes and two fours in his 19 ball innings before holing out to Bulbul off Rafiq. Narayanganj finally managed 128 for six off their allotted 25

Mona with 31 and opener Bidyut were the other notable scorers in the Narayangani innings with 31 and 26.

Rafiq bagged two wickets for 27 while Shantu took two for 17 among the successful Sylhet bowlers.

### World jr cricket postponed

The World Junior cricket championship, scheduled to begin next July in Malaysia, has been deferred by one year, reports UNB.

The 10-day prestigious championship, to be organised by the Malaysian Cricket Association, will now be held in July or August, 1994, due to preoccupation of some Test playing nations, a BCCB source said in Dhaka yesterday.

The limited 50-over matches, likely to be participated by most of the nine Test-playing nations and other ICC member countries, will be held in two phases.

In the second phase, the leading teams will vie for the trophy while the lower-order teams will compete for the

#### OK Sports cricket Sports Reporter

Bashabo Sunflower Sporting Club moved into the quarter finals of the OK Sports Cup under-12 cricket tournament.

Sunflower Sporting beat Bhat Masjid Anirban Krira Chakra by three wickets yesterday at the Azimpur Community Centre ground to emerge as the Group D cham-

Sent into bat Anirban were allout for a paltry 51 in 14.4

Jalil claimed three wickets for seven and Murad got two for 17 for Sunflower Sporting. A six-wicket haul from

Rocky of Anirban Krira Chakra went in vain as Sunflower Sporting reached the target making 52. Rocky gave away 15 runs for

his six wickets.

TODAY'S MATCH Unity Sports vs Ganaktuli Kishore XI

### Qatar sink Singapore 4-1

DOHA, Apr 17: Qatar surged back to the top of their World Cup qualifying group on Friday, scoring three times in the lastseven minutes to beat Singapore 4-1, reports Reuter.

The victory put them level on points with North Korea but ahead on goal difference.

In another Asian zone, Group C first round match, Vietnam beat Indonesia 1-0 in a dour match to lift themselves off the bottom of the table.

Qatar, who lost leading scorer Mahmoud Soufi after just 13 minutes with a leg injury, applied most of the pressure in the first half but solid defending by Singapore kept the scoreline goalless.

#### VIETNAM'S WIN

Vietnam's winner against Indonesia came in the 61st minute. Lu Dinh's free-kick from the left was met by a fierce drive by Ha Vuong Ngav

Din Thanam Hai had the ball in the net for Vietnam after 80 minutes but the goal was disallowed for a foul on the goalkeeper.

#### Bremen close on Bayern's heels

BONN, Apr 17: Werder Bremen kept snapping at pacesetting Bayern Munich's heels with a 3-0 German First Division win over Dynamo Dresden on Friday, reports Reuter.

### Papin, Milan at pains

PARIS, Apr 17: AC Milan could be without both star strikers for next month's European Cup final after Frenchman Jean Pierre Papin broke down in training on Friday, reports AFP.

"When I fell over, it was like being stabbed with a knife," said Papin, whose torn call muscle is likely to put him out for at least a month. "Tve never had such a serious injury."

With Dutchman Marco van Basten missing with an ankle injury, Milan could face serious selection problems if Papin fails to recover for the final in Munich on May 26.

France will also be without their captain and main goalscorer for the important World Cup qualifier against Sweden in Paris on April 28.

#### Schools kabadi

Sports Reporter

Motifheel Model High School and Dhaka Residential Model School won their respective matches of the fourth schools kabadi tournament at the Outer Stadium kabaddi court yesterday. In the day's second match,

Motijheel Model High School trounced Maniknagar Junior School by 61 points to 35. The winners, who led the

first session 36-12, scored five lonas as against one lona managed by Maniknagar School. Residential Model School

beat Segun Bagicha High School by 44 points to 31 earlier in the afternoon.

Both teams scored two lonas each.



YOU DON'T GET A SECOND CHANCE: Keith Arthurton is run out by a brilliant throw from Aamir Sohail after Asif Mujtaba couldn't hold on to a thick edge off Waqar Younis during West Indies' first innings of the first Test against Pakistan at Port of Spain, Trinidad - Star TV photo by T A Khan on Friday.

# Windies pacemen fight back

Sports Reporter

Veteran opening lethal Pakistani attack. Waqar Mushtaq Ahmed, also one of batsman Desmond Haynes and skipper Richie Richardson ble-28 off nine overs. caution

with aggression to lead the West Indies to 113 for one in the second innings on the second day of the first Test against Pakistan at the Port of Spain, Trinidad, according to Star TV monitored in Dhaka late last night.

nded

At the time of going to press, Haynes, who opened the innings with Phil Simmons, was batting on 51 while his skipper Richardson was on 27 as the home side tried their best to make sure that nothing goes wrong this time Simmons, the only batsman to fall on the day so far, made 22 before skying Aamir Sohail to Asif Mujtaba with the score on

After having been bundled out for a meagre 127 in the first innings the West Indian bowlers spearheaded a brilliant fightback to restrict the visiting side from racing away to an imposing lead. In the face of incisive pace bowling from lan Bishop and Curtly Ambrose the Pakistan first innings, resuming at the overnight score of 113 for seven, folded on 140.

Bishop sent five Pakistan batsmen back conceding 43 runs while the gangling Ambrose returned figures of four for 34. Earlier, agencies reported

Saturday: Seventeen wickets fell for 240 runs on a sensational opening day of the first cricket Test between Pakistan and the West Indies Friday. The West Indies, after win-

ning the toss and batting on a hard, dry pitch of inconsistent bounce, collapsed to be all out for 127. But then their fast bowlers struck back in the final session as Pakistan struggled to reply with 113 for

After West Indies captain Richie Richardson chose to bat first on winning the toss, openers Desmond Haynes (31) and Phil Simmons (27) provided a solid start by adding 63 that gave no indication of the drama that was to follow. Going to lunch 85 for two,

the West Indies went into sharp decline after the interval against the accurate fast bowling of Waqar Younis and Ata-ur-Rehman, losing their last eight wickets for 42 runs off 72 Rehman started the col-

lapse by removing Haynes in the first over of the session after which no West Indian batsman could cope with the

finished with three wickets for 37 off 11 overs and Rehman, a big, strong 18-year-old in only his second Test, took three for The Pakistanis started their

reply sharply, losing opener Rameez Raja for 9 and Inzamam-ul-Hag for 10 by the time the score was 52. But as left-hander Aamir Sohail and Javed Miandad put on 48 for the third wicket in an hour and pushed the total to 100, they seemed to be securing an important advantage.

Sohail took advantage of a dropped catch by wicketkeeper Junior Murray off Bishop when he was 6 and was well set when Bishop returned to have him brilliantly caught by Carl Hooper as second slip for 55. His dismissal set off the sudden Pakistani slide as Bishop was joined by Curtly Ambrose in an incisive fast bowling partnership.

By the end of the day Bishop had taken three for 20 from 12 overs and Bishop three for 34 from 11 and Pakistan were still 14 runs behind with three wickets standing.

On a pitch giving help to the bowlers and with the ball often keeping low the pacemen had a field day.

morning session of the drama to come when the matth finally began, a day late following the drugs charges against four of the Pakistani players which were subsequently dropped.

Desmond Haynes and Phil Simmons put on 63 for the first wicket before Simmons fell for 27. Although captain Richie Richardson was also dismissed for seven, the home team reached a reasonable 83 for two by lunch. Immediately after wards the

quick bowlers took total The West Indies innings

disintegrated, at one stage six wickets falling in the space of 17 runs as they collapsed to 102 for eight. A ninth wicket partnership

of 25 between Curtly Ambrose and Anderson Cummins improved matters slightly but Akram then stepped in to dismiss Ambrose and Courtney Walsh with successive deliveries and Wrap up the innings. It was West Indies' lowest

score against Pakistan in a home test, beating the previous lowest of 154 at the same ground in 1977. Wagar and Akram certainly

showed they had recovered from the trauma of the aborted drugs charges as did spinner

Rameez Raja is trapped leg before by West Indian

paceman Ian Bishop during Pakistan's first innings on

the opening day of the first Test at Port of Spain, Trinidad,

Friday. Pakistan were all out for 140, managing a meagre

13-run lead.

- Star TV photo



FIFA's plans

#### GLASGOW, Scotland, Apr 17: Scotland have joined England in voicing their opposition to FIFA's plans to introduce professional referees, reports AFP.

#### TODAY'S MATCH Dipali JS vs Kashaituli SKP (4:00 PM) Refs' election

Sports Reporter The election of the governing body of the Bangladesh Football Referees' Samity will be held on April 30 from 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm at its office at the Outer Stadium, says a press release.

## New BDSA body

The ad hoc executive committee of the Bangladesh Deaf Sports Association (BDSA) has been reconstituted with Dr M M Hossain as its president, reports UNB.

Among others on the 26member EC are vice-presidents Khandakar Shahadat Hussain, Manzur Ahmed and Begum Lutfurinesa Haq, general secretary Harun-ur Rashid Khan and treasurer A M Mohidul Islam, said a press release today.

#### An intriguing clash of cultures against Hungary in Budapest. LONDON, Apr 17: with Holland later this month. Arsenal will probably draft But Graham says the only Arsenal and Shething that will affect Limpar's in 34-year-old Eire defender ffield Wednesday open their cam-David O'Leavy for suspended future at Highbury is the club England right back Lee Dixon form he produces. paigns on Sunday

to become the first club to capture both English Cup in the same season when they meet in the League Cup final, reports AFP. In an intriguing clash of cul-

tures, Wednesday will bring style and sophistication to Wembley through Ex-England winger Chris Waddle, Eire playmaker John Sheridan and American showman John Arsenal are the musclemen.

their physical strength allied to the cutting edge of Highbury scoring machine lan Wright and his England sidekicks Paul Merson and Alan Smith. Wednesday player-manager

Trevor Francis promised: "Whatever happens, we're going to Wembley to play our football. "We've become known throughout England and the world for our style of play and

we intend to produce more of the same on Sunday. "If it isn't good enough, then at least we'll have done our best, playing the way we want."

Francis will probably bring in Phil King for suspended Northern Ireland left-back Nigel Worthington and return fit-again one-time defender Paul Warthurst to the striker's role that has brought him 17

That will mean a place on the bench for 14-goal mainstream striker David Hirst, who is fit after a long running

The game will offer Waddle the perfect stage to show England manager Graham Taylor he was wrong to ignore as they seek to halt an attack which has scored 48 goals in 18 Cup games.

But there could be a surprise up front, with Swedish international Anders Limpar being handed a make-or-break chance to revive his Highbury career.

The enigmatic winger seemed to have blown his Wembley chances this week by electing to play for his country in an international friendly

# Platini's proposal

ZURICH, Apr 17: Former European player-of-the-year Michel Platini has called on football's governing body to award a penalty whenever - a

player is sent off, reports AFP. Platini, French national coach from 1991-92 and now on France's organising committee for the 1998 World Cup, will put his proposal to FIFA's executive committee meeting on June 3.

The idea comes from FIFA's think-tank, Football 2000, set up to look at how the game should evolve.

Platini also wants free-kicks to be taken from the edge of the penalty area wherever the offence was committed. Kick-ins instead of throw-

ins and sudden-death periods where the first team to score after extra-time has failed to produce a winner are also on the agenda.

FIFA also wants to standardise disciplinary measures throughout the world. FIFA's executive committee

will consider drawing up a

world-wide code at its June 3

meeting.

"This could be Anders' scene on Sunday and he's in the squad," said Graham. "I picked a team without wingers for our FA Cup semifinal

against Spurs, but we're not just about nullifying the strength of other teams. "The players did a very

good job against Tottenham. Some people very close to me were shocked by the team picked, but Sheffield Wednesday play a different game to "I'm not going to announce

the side until the day, but people might well be surprised Limpar and Denmark midfielder John Jensen, who played in his country's World

Cup win over Latvia on Wednesday, could both be involved, although Jimmy Carter also fancies his chances of being given a wide role. Graham also has to decide whether to pick Kevin

Campbel or Smith as Wright's

front-line partner.

\*A combination of our worst injury problems in my seven vears here and a lack of consistency from good players has produced a disappointing league season for us," he said. 'When we won two championships the team picked it-

self, but this year I've had to

look at what team would do

the best job for certain matches. "We've been more consistent in the Cups than in the League - very unusual for Arsenal. I'm not saying that winning two Cups will be as good as winning the League, but it would give us a great



complete his hattrick after sending Carl Hooper and Junior Murray back with two successive deliveries during the West Indies' first innings on the opening day of the first Test at Port of Spain on Friday. Wagar, however, failed to dismiss Ian Bishop with his next - Star TV photo

#### off Bishop. Bishop struck again in the same over, having Test debutant Basit Ali trapped leg before without scoring and Pakistan then lost another three wickets for the addition of only eight runs. Javed Miandad, Akram and Moin Khan all fell cheaply to Ambrose at the close Asif Mujtaba was not out on eight, Wagar on one, and Pakistan trailed West Indies by 14 runs with three wickets standing. SCOREBOARD Scoreboard at lunch on the second day of the first Test between West Indies and Pakistan here today. There was little hint in the **WEST INDIES:** First Innings

the four arrested, who took

the vital wicket of Richardson

West Indies' bowlers to cause

mayhem, but it was only in the

closing overs of the day that

they managed to put the match

Pakistan innings together with

a fighting 55 and the visitors

reached 100 for the loss of

reached his 50 in 96 minutes

with nine fours, was brilliantly

caught by Carl Hooper, diving

low to his right at second slip

127 (Haynes 31, Wagar Younis

3-37, Ata-ur-Rehman 3-28)

Rameez Raja lbw b Bishop.

Aamir Sohail c Hooper

Inzamam-ul-Haq lbw

Javed Miandad lbw

Basit Ali lbw b Bishop

Moin Khan c Murray

Waqar Younis c Lara b

Ataur Rehman not out

Extras: (lb-6, nb-6)

108; 8-120; 9-136

Mushtaq Ahmed c Hooper

Fall of wkts: 1-17; 2-52; 3-

100; 4-100; 5-102; 6-104; 7-

15.5

Dhaka Club win

bridge title

b Bishop

b Ambrose

b Ambrose

b Ambrose

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PAKISTAN: first innings

Asif Mujtaba c Lara b Bishop 10

Wasim Akram c Richardson

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