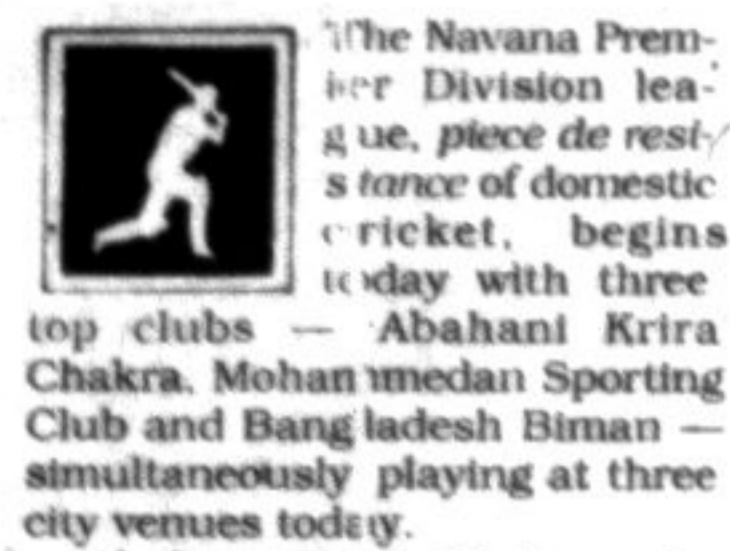


Navana league begins today

Sports Reporter



The Navana Premier Division league, piece de resistance of domestic cricket, begins today with three top clubs — Abahani Krira Chakra, Mohanmedan Sporting Club and Bangladesh Biman — simultaneously playing at three city venues today.

Abahani Krira Chakra, who recaptured the league title from arch-rivals and champions for two consecutive years Mohanmedan Sporting Club last year, take on lowly Dhanmondi at the Dhaka Stadium. The 45 overs-a-side match is scheduled to start at 9:15 am.

Traditional Mohammedans play Wari Club, one of the old clubs whose genes dates back to the days of the British Raj, at the far away Mirpur, Pallabi cricket ground.

Biman, the cricket team of the national airline's and former

champions, face Kalabagan Krira Chakra at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

Twelve teams — including newcomers Dhanmondi and Wari who fought their way up from the depths of Milnars First Division league — are taking part in the one-day competition which begins early, ahead of the unwritten but practised schedule of the previous years because of the national teams preparations for the ICC Trophy, to be held in Kenya early next year.

A pool of 32 top cricketers is now gearing up for the biggest meet as far as the associate members of the International Cricket Conference (ICC) under the supervision of former Indian Test cricketer Mohindar Amarnath, who came under a lot of fire after Bangladesh went down to Zimbabwe 2-0 in a closely fought one-day series recently.

Chill of disappointment is almost certain to be replaced by the warmth of interest generated by the arrival of international cricketers of varying degrees of reputation and abilities, many of whom are already here to rev up their respective sides.

English Test player Richard Illingworth, a left-arm spinner, will make his debut in the local league along with little known

GP Singh from India for champions Abahani today. Neil Fairbrother, Abahani's sensational signing is unlikely to star in today's match.

While Mohammedans are likely to field Shri Lankan Test discards Athula Samarasekera and Ashoka De Silva — both quite familiar to the local cricket fans — Biman will introduce Bhaskar Pillai, some time on the fringe of the Indian team, alongside old guys like Wasim Haider of Pakistan.

If Haider does not play then another Indian, O'Neil Wilson, will wear flannels to complete the quota of two foreigners per match out of a maximum registration stipulation of four for each Navana team this year.

The Pakistani touch is certain to come even if Haider does not turn up for Biman today as Kaisar Rashid, the aggressive Karachi opener who toured Dhaka recently with the Airport Gymkhana Club, will make his debut, though for Kalabagan.

Meanwhile yesterday, the last day for signing new foreign cricketers, passed in relative quietude with Brothers Union signing Amal Prashantha Dugoda, a Sri Lankan reputed to have played in Lankashire league.

DU cricket on

The Institute of Business Administration (IBA) beat the Department of Public Administration by five-wickets in a low scoring match at the Jagannath Hall cricket ground on the inaugural day of the Dhaka University inter-department cricket competition on Thursday.

In all forty-one departments of the university are taking part in the competition.

Pro-Vice-Chancellor Wakil Ahmed inaugurated the competition as chief guest.

Div III soccer

Basabo Tarun Saigha posted a comfortable 2-0 victory over Dilkusha Sporting Club yesterday at the Outer Stadium in one of the three Pragati Insurance Third Division football league matches.

Alam scored first in the 25th minute of the second half while Arifur rounded off the winners tally with a 34th minute goal.

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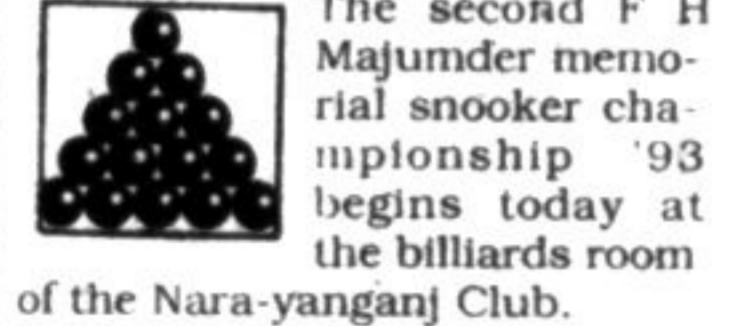
The other match at the T & T ground also saw Sunrise Sporting Club and East End Boys Club split points in a one-all draw.

Azad scored for Sunrise in the 20th minute, while the equalizer came from Helal three minutes into the second half.

A clash between rival supporters left at least three people injured.

Majumder snooker from today

Sports Reporter



The second F H Majumder memorial snooker championship '93 begins today at the billiards room of the Narayanjan Club.

Sponsored by the Majumder Group of Companies, the six-day national-level meet is being held under the auspices of the Narayanjan Club.

Thirty-two participants from six teams are taking part in this knockout tourney, held annually in memory of late F H Majumder, founder of the Majumder Group who was a keen snooker enthusiast and club champion several times. The invitational tourney is expected to be participated by almost all the top snooker players of the country.

National champion Narayan Chandra Ghosh should be the top favourite, not only because of home advantage — he is a member of the host club — but also because only last month he showed his form by winning the

Ispahani trophy at the Dhaka Club.

His main challenge is likely to come from national number two Adrian Gonsalves of Chittagong Catholic Club. Both Gonsalves and N C Ghosh are to represent Bangladesh in the world championship, scheduled to be held in Pakistan next month.

Former national champion Reshadul Ameen should also have a fair shot at the title this year. After his disappointing showing in last year's final, Ameen should be adequately motivated to seek revenge.

The other teams taking part this year are Dhaka Club, Gulshan Club, Chittagong Club and Comilla Club.

Bangladesh Billiards and Snooker Federation president Azimuddin Ahmed will give away the trophies after the final on Thursday, November 11.

Syedul Huq Majumder, son of F H and Managing Director of the sponsoring company, is also among the 32 participants.

Mohali to host SA-India tie

NEW DELHI, Nov 5: South Africa's match against India in this month's five-nation cricket tournament will be played in the Punjab town of Mohali after a controversial shift from Delhi, an Indian cricket official said on Thursday, reports Reuter.

Jagmohan Dharmiya, president of Calcutta's Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) which is hosting the tournament to mark its diamond jubilee, said the preliminary league match had been deferred by 10 days and allotted to Mohali, a new venue on the outskirts of the state capital Chandigarh.

The match, shifted from New Delhi following a dispute on Sunday over advertising rights will be played on November 22 in Mohali's new stadium.

Africa may host World Cup early next century

ZURICH, Nov 5: An African country could host the World Cup finals early next century, FIFA general secretary Sepp Blatter said on Thursday, reports Reuter.

Blatter told Reuters that a number of African nations may have the resources to stage a successful World Cup.

"It would have to be a big country with a big population and good economic resources," naming Nigeria, Ivory Coast, Kenya, South Africa and Egypt as potential bidders for soccer's four-yearly showpiece.

His comments followed a suggestion by International Olympic Committee (IOC) president Juan Antonio Samaranch that Africa could put on the Summer Games in 2004.

Blatter acknowledged that Asia would almost certainly host the World Cup in 2002. Japan has said it will bid for the tournament and North and South Korea may consider a joint candidature.

But he said he could see the field opening up to Africa, soccer's fastest emerging continent, from 2006 onwards.

"It's a question of organisational ability and the awareness of the population of such a big event," Blatter said.

Blatter said Nigeria would host the 1995 World Under-21 Championship. "If Nigeria can stage that properly, it would show that the World Cup could be possible too," he said.

Blatter said bids for Morocco for the 1994 and 1998 World Cup finals had been unsuccessful, partly because the country was too small to stage a tournament with 24 teams.

Goals galore

HIROSHIMA, Nov 5: Malaysia crushed Thailand 20-0 and Pakistan blanked China 5-0 in Group A men's preliminary round matches Friday in the Asia Cup hockey tournament, reports AP.

In men's Group B, Kazakhstan and India battled to a 1-1 draw and Japan edged Bangladesh 2-1 in the round-robin preliminary round.

China trounced Uzbekistan 8-1 and Japan overpowered Thailand 10-0 in the women's Group B matches.

The tournament continues through Nov 14.

Prize giving ceremony held

The concluding ceremony of the 10th Dr Kazi Motahar Hossain International Masters chess competition was held at the National Sports Council auditorium yesterday, reports UNB.

Shipping Minister M K Anwar attended the function as chief guest.

A total of 12 participants — one from Pakistan, three from India and eight from host Bangladesh took part in the competition.

Mahmud Lodhi of Pakistan became champion bagging nine points and Ziaur Rahman of Bangladesh became runner-up securing eight points.

Lazio out of UEFA Cup race

PARIS, Nov 5: Portugal's Boavista beat Lazio 2-0 in the UEFA Cup on Thursday to bring about the first defeat of an Italian Club in European competition, reports AFP.

Lazio's 1-0 lead from the first leg in Rome was not enough as two goals by Ricky Owubokiri gained Boavista a prestigious scalp.

Tapie faces the music

PARIS, Nov 5: Olympique Marseille president Bernard Tapie gave evidence for two hours on Thursday to a parliamentary committee that is studying a request for his immunity as an MP be lifted, reports AFP.

Two examining magistrates investigating alleged misappropriation of assets from two companies in his financial empire want to be able to place Tapie under investigation.

Tapie, a former Urban Affairs Minister, also faces a demand for lifting of immunity by a third magistrate investigating an alleged attempt by Olympique Marseille to rig a league match against Valenciennes.

H'ball results

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Rifles trounced Victoria Sporting Club by 27 goals to 12 in the 1993 handball tournament at the Outer Stadium handball court yesterday.

Jahangir top scored with eight goals followed by Nizam and Mongsha Prue who scored five and four respectively for BDR.

Akul scored four goals and Khokan three for the losers.

and a 209-yard Diego fuser drive 10-minutes before time.

Lazio are the first of seven Italian teams to lose in any European competition this year. AC Milan are still in the Champions' Cup, Parma and Torino are in the Cup Winners Cup, and Juventus, Inter Milan, and Cagliari are still in the UEFA Cup.

Last season, only a Basile Boll header against AC Milan in the Champions Cup final prevented a clean sweep by Italian clubs — as done in 1990. That year, AC Milan won the European Cup, Sampdoria won the Cup Winners' Cup, and Juventus took the UEFA Cup.

Last year, Parma beat Toyal Antwerp to win the Cup Winners Cup and Juventus regained the UEFA Cup.

A bent Christensen hat-trick was not enough to save hosts Olympiakos of Greece who beat Tenerife of Spain 4-3 in the second leg. The UEFA Cup match second round game finished 5-5 on aggregate, but Tenerife went through on the away goals rule.

Alexandros Ioannidis fired home the other for Olympiakos and Minambres Felipe, Sebastian Chano from the spot, and a Miltiadis Amanatidis own goal, were the scorers for Tenerife.

Windies clinch Champions Trophy

Lara steals Basit Ali's thunder



SHARJAH, Nov 5: Opener Brian Lara slammed a career best 153 today to guide West Indies to an impressive six-wicket victory over injury hit Pakistan in the Champions Trophy final, reports AFP.

The 23-year-old left-hander's fourth one-day hundred helped the West Indians overtake Pakistan's imposing 284 for four with 4.3 overs to spare in an enthralling, high-scoring match.

Lara, whose previous best in 53 matches was 128, hit 21 boundaries in a 143-ball knock that ended when wicket keeper Rashid Latif took a brilliant catch in the 42nd over with just 12 more needed for victory.

Latif ran 15 yards towards square leg before diving to hold the skier with his outstretched right hand. Skipper Richey Richardson (15 not out) and Carl Hopper (five not out) were together when victory came through a no-ball bowled by Aamir Nazir.

West Indies picked up the winners' purse of 20,000 dollars while Pakistan received 10,000 dollars.

The breathtaking West Indian run chase overshadowed a superb 127 off 79 balls by Pakistan's 22-year-old star Basit Ali that enabled his team to set a stiff target of around six runs an over.

Basit and the experienced Salim Malik (84), hammered the West Indian bowlers for 172 runs off just 126 balls in a spectacular fourth wicket stand after Pakistan were down to 87-3 by the 28th over.

Basit hit 12 boundaries and five towering sixes in a maiden one-day hundred in only his 10th international.

Pakistan, seeking their seventh successive title here since March, 1989, were handicapped by injuries to four top stars — skipper Wasim Akram, veteran batsman Javed Miandad, Seamer Aaqub Javed and recalled leg spinner Abdul Qadir.

The World Cup champions were led by Waqar Younis, returning from a bout of cramps that forced him to miss three of Pakistan's four league matches.

Younis conceded 65 runs in his eight overs as Lara and the other free-stroking Caribbean

batsmen took the Pakistani attack apart on an easy-paced wicket.

It was a disappointing result for more than 14,000 Pakistani supporters who had seen their hopes soar in the morning session as Basit Ali and Malik launched a blistering attack on the West Indian attack.

Basit, who reached his second fifty off only 25 balls, was in sight of equalising Indian captain Mohammed Azharu-

given to Lara by Pepsi, the sponsors of the three-nation tournament.

Malik matched Basit's strokeplay by hitting six fours and a six in a 96-ball innings to enable Pakistan to plunder 159 from their final 15 overs.

Pakistan began badly after being put in, losing both left-handed openers. Saeed Anwar and Aamir Sohail by the 13th

his century in the 28th over, but lost partner Keith Arthurton in the next over that made the West Indies 213 for three.

Arthurton hit five boundaries and a six in a breezy 44 off 30 balls before holding out to midwicket against Rehman.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Champions Trophy final between West Indies and Pakistan on Friday:

PAKISTAN:
Anwar b Cummins 16
A Sohail c Lara b K Benjamin 10
Izzatnawal Haq c Haynes b Walsh 30
Salim Malik c Walsh b Ambrose 84
Basit Ali not out 127
Latif not out 2
Extras: (5 leg-byes, 1 bye, 4 wides, 5-no balls) 15
Total: (in 50 overs) 284 for 4
Fall of wickets: 1/28, 2/30, 3/87, 4/259.

Did not bat: Waqar Younis, Asif Mujtaba, Mushtaq Ahmed, Aamir Rehman, Aamir Nazir.

Bowling:	O	M	R	W
Ambrose	10	2	64	1
Walsh	10	4	33	1
Cummins	9	0	57	1
K Benjamin	8	0	37	1
Hooper	10	1	65	0
Simmons	3	0	22	0

WEST INDIES:
Haynes c Latif b Aamir Rehman 3
Lara c Latif b Mushtaq 153
Simmons c and b Salim Malik 42
Arthurton c (sub) Aamir Harif b Rehman 44
Richardson not out 15
Hooper not out 5
Extras: (10 leg-byes, 8 wides, 5-no balls) 23
Total: (in 45.3 overs) 285 for 4
Did not bat: Jimmy Adams, Curtly Ambrose, Anderson Cummins, Kenneth Benjamin, Courtney Walsh.

Fall of wickets: 1/29, 2/140, 3/213, 4/273.

Bowling: O M R W
Younis 8 0 65 0
Aamir Rehman 8 0 43 2
Aamir Nazir 8.3 0 54 0
Mushtaq 10 1 46 1
Salim Malik 9 1 47 1
Aamir Sohail 2 0 20 0

Result: West Indies wins by 6 wickets.
Man-of-the-match: Brian Lara
Man-of-the-series: Phil Simmons



BASIT ALI... 127 not out



B. LARA... man-of-the-match

Jones keeps Kiwis afloat

LAUNCESTON, Australia, Nov 5: Andrew Jones lifted New Zealand after captain Martin Crowe suffered another setback Friday, second day of the four-day cricket match against Tasmania at the NTC Ground, reports AP.

Jones made 67 before being run out shortly before stumps as the Kiwis struggled to 152 for five in their first innings, responding to Tasmania's 306 for nine declared.

Jones' innings prevented New Zealand from a total collapse after Crowe was dismissed for only seven runs.

Right-hander Jones hit five boundaries and gradually found his range with his favourite cover drive, before misjudging a single to cover and being run out.

Crowe has not yet passed 20 in seven innings on tour and the game against Tasmania is New Zealand's final warmup before the first Test against Australia in Perth, which starts on Nov 12.

Crowe had been at the crease for only 15 minutes before was caught by Shaun Young at cover off the bowling of Matthews.

Chris Cairns finished the day on 29 while Tony Blain had scored two.

New Zealand were further hampered when replacement opener David White was ruled out of any further action.

White suffered a knee injury after playing only one over on Thursday and will return home next week, officials said.

Former Australian Test player Chris Matthews took two wickets for Tasmania, while Steve Herzberg and Troy Cooley had one each.

Earlier, the Tasmanian total was boosted as Young and Mark Atkinson both notched their highest first-class scores.

The pair came together late Thursday with Tasmania in trouble at 133 for six but then shared a stand of 142 to guide the home team's total to respectability.

Young top-scored with 77, eclipsing the 76 he made in a Sheffield Shield match against Victoria last year, while Atkinson's effort of 69 surpassed the unbeaten 55 he made on his debut against Pakistan 18 months ago.

Cairns was the most effective of the New Zealand bowlers with 5-105, but he marred his good work by sending down 10 no-balls.

TASMANIA: 1st innings
D Hills lbw Su'a 27
N Courtney c Blain b Cairns 20
D Boon c Young b Cairns 2
R Ponting c Pocock b Watson 15
D Buckingham lbw Cairns 18
R Tucker c sub (Morrison) b Watson 36
S Young c Blain b Su'a 77
M Atkinson c Rutherford b Cairns 69
C Matthews c Blain b Cairns 21
S Herzberg not out 5
T Cooley not out 1
Extras: (nb-15) 15
Total: (9 wks declared) 306
Fall of wks: 1-29; 2-36; 3-66; 4-68; 5-110; 6-133; 7-275; 8-279; 9-300.

NEW ZEALAND: 1st innings
Young c Atkinson b Cooley 0
Pocock c Atkinson b Matthews 15
Jones run out 67
Crowe c Young b Matthews 7
Rutherford c Ponting b Herzberg 21
Cairns not out 29
Blain not out 2
Extras: (b-2, lb-6, nb-3) 11
Total: (5 wks for) 152
Fall of wks: 1-0; 2-38; 3-53; 4-99; 5-149.

Bowling:	O	M	R	W
Cooley	16	4	41	1
Matthews	13	4	27	2
Young	15	7	28	0
Herzberg	13	1	38	1
Tucker	5	1	10	0

Aussies given a jolt

SANTIAGO, Nov 5: Lionel Herrera and Marco Antonio Etcheverry scored second-half goals of give Chilean league leader Colo Colo a 3-2 victory here Thursday over the Australian national side in a football friendly, reports AFP.

The match was a tuneup for Australia in preparation for a World Cup second-leg match against Argentina at Buenos Aires on November 17.

The teams played to a 1-1 draw last month in Sydney, meaning the return match winner will advance to the World Cup finals next year in the United States.

Colo Colo, with 12 victories and four ties in 18 league matches, scored the only first-half goal when Juan Castillo found the net in the 32nd minute.

Herrera's goal came four minutes into the second half and Etcheverry's came in the 58th minute on a penalty kick.

Australia's goals, in the 54th and 67th minutes, were both scored by Paul Vear.

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Flamengo win

SAO PAULO, Brazil, Nov 5: With goals by Casagrande and Renato, Flamengo downed Nacional of Uruguay 2-1 in the first game of their home-and-away semifinal series of the Super Cup soccer tournament, reports AP.

Unable to play in Rio de Janeiro's Maracana Stadium because it was being readied for pop star Madonna's Saturday performance there, the teams met Thursday in Sao Paulo's Pacaembu stadium.

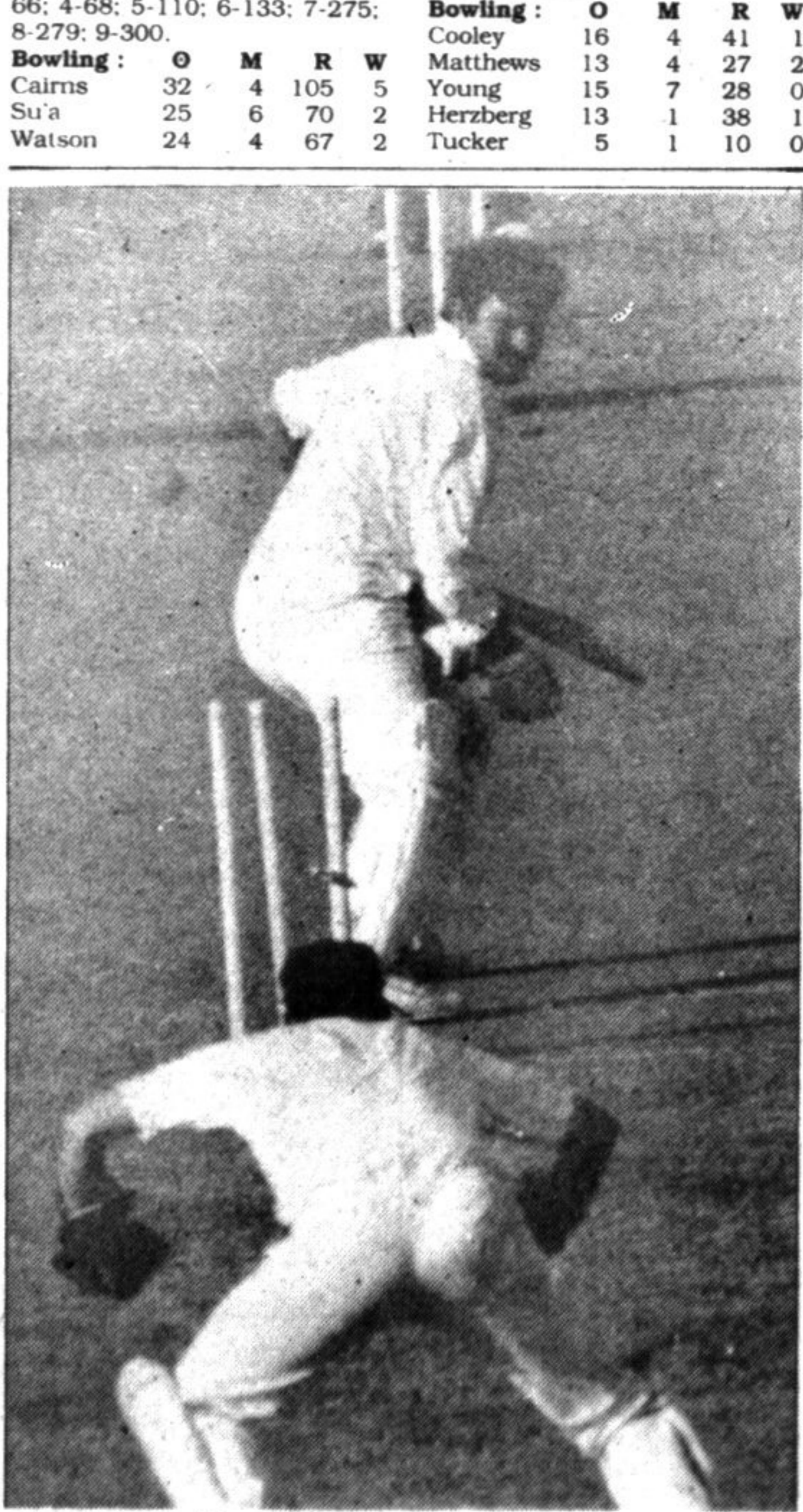
Flamengo dominated most of the game, with strong attacks and expert passing that seemed to keep the visiting Uruguayans off balance.

In the 7th minute of play, striker Renato almost scored the first goal of the evening with a powerful shot that slammed into the goal post.

But two minutes later, attacker Casagrande took a pass from midfielder Margulinos and headed the ball into the net.

About midway into the first half, Flamengo's defence slackened and the Uruguayans almost scored on several occasions. But they were prevented from doing so by some superb saves by goalie Gilmar.

Flamengo kept the pressure on, and in the 38th minute, Renato scored the second goal after outmaneuvering three Nacional players.



Bangladesh's Akram Khan would remember this occasion at least throughout this winter. Engaged in a badly needed and nicely goosed win against Test babes Zimbabwe in the second and final of the Gold Leaf one-day match on Nov 4, Akram attempted to guide an innocuous delivery from Ali Shah to thirdman for reasons least threatening his tenure at the wicket and lost his balls.

Q.M. Hussain International Masters Chess Tournament 1993



Participants of the 10th Q M Hussain memorial International masters' chess tournament seen with Shipping Minister M K Anwar, who gave away the prizes at the conference room of the NSC yesterday. Sitting on his right is Nasimuddin Ahmed, Bangladesh Chess Federation (BCF) president. Twelve players including six foreigners took part in the annual meet held in memory of country's chess doyen late Dr Q M Hussain. Mahmud Lodhi, the Pakistani International Master (IM) won the tournament for the second time.

— Star photo