

Sport

Div II hockey

Sports Reporter
Two Shoab goal earned Farashgongj a 2-0 victory over Cantonian Sporting Club in the Green Delta Second Division hockey super league at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Shoab scored his first goal in the 12th minute and the second one came in the 41st minute.
Both of them were field goals.

In another tie, Agrani Bank Club edged past East End Green Club by a solitary goal.
The lone goal came from Swapan in the 15th minute.

Div II soccer

Sports Reporter
Jurai n Jatana Club beat Lalmitia Club 1-0 in one of the Sonali Bank Second Division football league matches at the Outer Stadium yesterday.
Ilyasuddin scored the winner in the 55th minute.

In the first match of the day, Abhijatrik Malibagh drew with Dhaka WASA Club 0-0.
Today's matches of the Third Division football league will not be held due to the half-day strike.

MSC ad-hoc committee formed

A 74-member ad-hoc committee of the Mohammedan Sporting Club was announced yesterday with Alhaj Abdul Monem and president and Alhaj Fazlur Rahman as general secretary, reports BSS.
The committee includes 13 vice presidents. They are Karimuddin Bharsa, MP, Mahtabuddin Ahmed, Sheikh Akmal Hossain, Anwarul Huq Helal, Mosaddek Ali Falu, Iqbaluddin Chowdhury, MA Taher, Kutubuddin Ahmed, Mahfuzur Rahman, Sirajul Huq Chowdhury, M Obaidullah, A K Reazul Karim and Amin Ahmed.
Tanvir Haider has been made treasurer.

The other executives are: secretary (Administration)-Pratap Shankar Hazra, secretary (sports) - Abdus Salam Morshed, secretary (public relation)- Khalid Hasan, secretary (cultural)- Selwar Hossain Ditu, secretary (social welfare)- Fazlur Rahman Babul and secretary (women affairs) Gamrunnahar Dana.

Maradona means business

BUENOS AIRES, Nov 12: Diego Maradona had a training session all of his own here Thursday morning, as he tries to improve his match fitness for Argentina's World Cup qualifier against Australia next Wednesday, reports AFP.

National coach Alfio Basile had originally scheduled a session for the whole squad, before changing his mind and cancelling it.
But Maradona asked if he could still have a work-out, saying that "all the other players have a physical advantage."

Maradona went through a series of exercises with the team's trainer Ricardo Echeverria and Basile's right-hand man Ruben Diaz, watched by team doctor Ernesto Ugade.
The squad got together at midday to watch the video of their 1-1 draw in the first-leg in Sydney.

Basile's foreign-based players were due to fly in later in the day.

Fifty overs too much for Sunday leaguers

LONDON, Nov 12: English cricket's Sunday league is set to return to a 40-overs-per-side competition after just one season, but coloured clothing will stay for at least another two years, reports Reuter.

The experiment with 50-over games has proved unpopular with almost everyone. Players believe it is too long a contest to sandwich in the middle of a four-day championship match while there has been no real increase in attendances.

Now a Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) working party is recommending a return to the shorter game.
"We have taken on board the views of those closest to the game," said chairman Mike Murray.

Murray's working party was behind the restructuring of domestic cricket in England. Their recommendation for longer "Pyjama-style" Sunday League games, four-day championship matches and a revised Benson and Hedges Cup competition was approved by a narrow majority last year.

The new format, introduced last summer, will be reviewed at the end of the 1995 season.
But Murray's men have already heard enough complaints to suggest that the board reverts to shorter Sunday matches. A decision will be taken in December.

"Although the 50-over format with a 12 noon start has only had one season's experiment, the evidence considered by the working party was overwhelmingly in favour of a return to the 2 pm start and the shorter version of the game," says a TCCB statement.

BU taste first defeat

Sports Reporter
A cameo innings of 37 by Mahbubur Rahman Selim shone as a crown-jewel performance of Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club who sent Brothers Union tumbling to their first defeat in this year's Navana Premier Division cricket league at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.
In a scintillating burst of stroke play, Selim, the quiet, unassuming player who was not treated well in the past either by the national selectors or by his former captains, wound up a satisfying day's performance by fellow bowlers and batsmen.



Habibul Bashar Suman of Brothers about to sweep a Golla delivery in yesterday's Navana Premier Division encounter against greater Mymensingh Cricket Club at the Dhaka Stadium. Brothers lost the match by six wickets. — Star photo

Selim smote two huge sixes and a four in his 35-ball knock as GMCC posted 170 for four wickets in 43.5 overs to register their third win in a row since the beginning of the one-day Navana Premier championship from November 6.

The foundation was, however, laid by skipper Raman Lamba who dished out another thoroughly professional performance. He made a workman-like 60 off 86 balls, his second fifty in three matches, not to mention his 122 against Udit, the only ton so far.

Lamba, who has relegated himself this year to number three, came at the wicket when GMCC, in a bid to overtake Brothers' unpromising collection of 168, were one down for 36 in the 37th over.

He lost opener Rownakul Islam Tutul and a promoted RP Singh in quick succession with the former making a useful 35.
Then came a vital partnership of 63 runs for the fourth wicket with Selim that left Abu Hamid Partha with the mere formality of receiving a well-merited victory on the threshold.

Earlier in the morning, Brothers, put into bat by Raman Lamba, wasted a slow but solid start by national players Zahid

49 and then bowled 'dangerman' Fernando, Brothers' long-serving Sri Lanka, for a duck to quash all hopes of an effective slog.
Promising left arm spinner Sharfudowla Saikat joined Singh in the restrictive act when he bowled veteran Golam Faruq Chowdhury and Brothers tottered to an insecure grand total of 168 for seven at the end of the stipulated quota of 45 overs.

Plaban was the best GMCC bowler as per the requirement of instant cricket giving away 24 runs from his nine overs for one wicket.

Javed Omar Belim Golla, once a member of Bangladesh junior team, also bowled tidily taking one for 28.

Saikat, fighting hard for a permanent place in the national team, took one for 38 but RP Singh superseded them all statistically bagging three for 26 from four overs.

Former champions Brothers suffered their first defeat yesterday after wins against Udit and Dhanmondi.

WARI'S FIRST
Uncle and nephew walked out for the toss. The representative of the older generation called correctly in the spin of

Carman, coming low down the order, scored a breezy 46 off 54 balls inclusive of a sixer and five hits to the fence.
Sohel was Dhanmondi's most successful bowler bagging three for 34. Vinay took two for 29 while Yadav in a superb exhibition of tight bowling finished with two for 14 from nine overs.

Sensible batting by skipper Jahangir Shah Badshah and Vinay Sharma was not sustained by their successors at the wicket as Dhanmondi were skittled out for 161 in 45 overs to accept their third defeat in a row.

The ageless Badshah, enjoying himself in the role of an opener after all those years of blood and sweat for the Bangladesh National team as the main pace bowler, jointly topscored with 33. His partner for the day Vinay Sharma also made 33.

Three Wari bowlers — Sharat, Carman and skipper Halim Shah bagged two wickets apiece while Ripon chipped in with the other wicket that went to bowler's account.

No matches will be played today because of a half-day strike. Today's Navana ties will be played tomorrow causing a bodily shift in the fixture.

New twist in TWI story

BOMBAY, Nov 12: A top official of Trans World International (TWI), the global media company, said on Thursday being grieved by their mightier opponents recently, had their rarified ration of victories beating Dhanmondi Club by 27 runs in one of the Navana Premier Division cricket league ties at the Mirpur Pallabi cricket ground yesterday.

In a clash of teams of more or less, the same plain, Wari asked to bat first collected 188 for eight, thanks to some stupendous batting by young Opi and Carman.

Opi, the number three batsman, scored a swashbuckling 57 with the help of three sixes and as many fours while

The customs have not given any reason for detaining the equipment," two vice-president bill Sinrich said.
TWI has a contract from the Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) for television coverage of the five-nation cricket tournament underway in India.

The latest development followed a court wrangle over the coverage of the tournament to mark CAB's diamond jubilee celebrations.
An official spokesman said in New Delhi on Thursday that the equipment had been detained on the grounds of violation of the Wireless and Telegraphy Act.

A court order won by CAB, directing broadcasts of the tournament to go ahead, failed on Wednesday to bring the competition to international screens.
The government has refused to allow television coverage following a financial wrangle between the state television company Doodardshan, CAB and the sport's local ruling body, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).

In Johannesburg, South Africa's United Cricket Board appealed to the African National Congress to help settle the row.
Board managing director Ali Bacher said ANC President Nelson Mandela had been told of the problem "and the ANC are now doing everything they can to help."

Bacher added: "The game on Sunday in Bombay between South Africa and the West Indies will be an historic occasion... it's imperative for all concerned that the cricket be seen."

Atherton expects a rough ride in Windies

LONDON, Nov 12: England captain Mike Atherton said on Thursday he expects to be the number one target for the west Indian fast bowlers when he arrives in the Caribbean in mid-January, reports Reuter.
On England's last tour there four years ago their fortunes dipped from the moment skipper Gramam Gooch had his finger broken by Ezra Moseley during the third Test in Trinidad and Atherton is awaiting a similar test of nerve.

The West Indies usually try to put the opposition captain through his paces early in the tour," Atherton said. "That's obviously in the back of my mind and if it happens this time will have to be good enough and strong enough to come through it."

"It's absolutely crucial for the captain to have a successful tour."
On their last visit, England were 1-0 up until Gooch's injury. They ended up losing the series 2-1 and the West Indies have since extended their unbeaten home Test series record to 21 years.

"The fact that it is the biggest challenge means that it is also the biggest opportunity," said the 25-year-old Atherton.
"I'm not saying we will win the series but I hope all the players think we can win it."

Atherton, who led England back to winning ways against Australia at the Oval in August after nine defeats and a draw, made it clear he will be tough with his young squad where necessary.
"Players won't get too many chances with me," he said. "You should be able to give it your best shot all the time when you are playing for England."

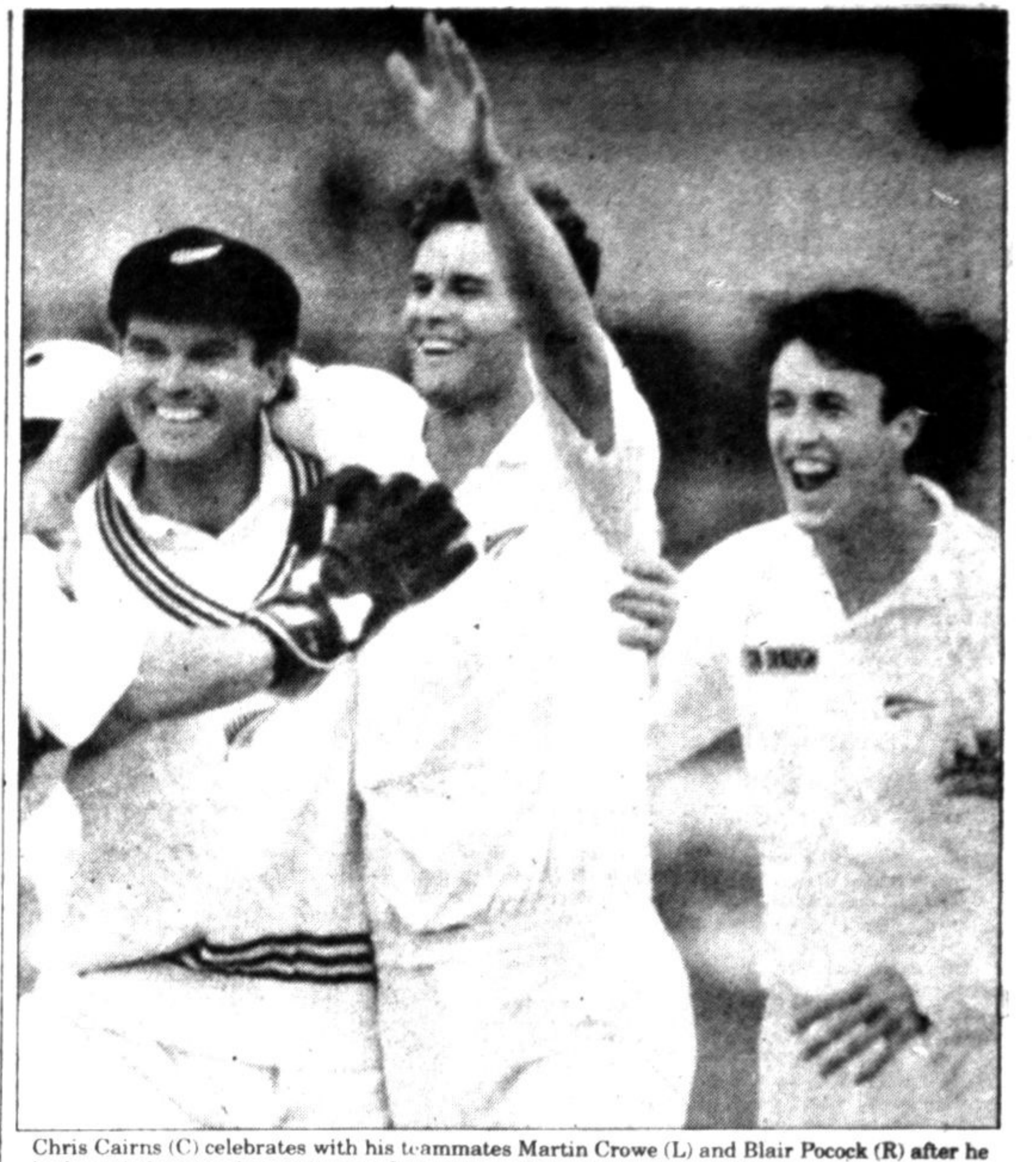
"There are going to be tough times in the West Indies and we will have to do our stuff."
Arnold cannot take it anymore
LONDON, Nov 12: England bowling coach Geoff Arnold has left Surrey after failing to end the county's long search for a trophy, reports Reuter.

Surrey insisted on Thursday that the former Test fast bowler had "tendered his resignation with immediate effect" after nine years on the Oval coaching staff.
But Arnold, who played for Surrey and Sussex, declined to comment on that version of events, fuelling speculation that the sudden parting was not amicable.

County chairman Derek Newton also hinted at impatience with Surrey's lack of success by saying: "It has become increasingly evident that the club's cricket management has not produced the required results over a lengthy period."

Surrey failed to capture a major domestic prize during Arnold's region as coach and their last big success was winning the Natwest Trophy in 1982.

While 49-year-old Arnold finds himself without a job at county level, England will continue to use him as a specialist bowling adviser.



Chris Cairns (C) celebrates with his teammates Martin Crowe (L) and Blair Pocock (R) after he had bowled Australian batsman David Boon for a duck. It was Cairns' second wicket in consecutive balls on the first day of the first Test between Australia and New Zealand in Perth yesterday. — AFP photo

Cairns reigns on Day One

PERTH, Nov 12: New Zealand fast-medium bowler Chris Cairns gave his side a splendid start on the opening day of the first Test against Australia here Friday.

Cairns 23, son of former New Zealand Test star Lance Cairns, captured 3-56 as Australia struggled to reach 6-227 by stumps on a rain-affected day.

The Kiwis, seen as major underdogs in this three-Test series, have good reason to be pleased with an excellent day's work in unseasonal Perth conditions more reminiscent of weather in their home country.

However, their success needs to be seen in context. The WACA ground pitch was helpful all day, providing lift and sideways movement, which Australia's attack may be able to exploit just as effectively on Saturday.

Australian coach Bob Simpson perhaps summed up the situation accurately when he suggested 250 would be a respectable first innings score.

Even so, Cairns and his better-credentialed new-ball partner Danny Morrison (2-71) used the conditions well to have Australia's strong batting lineup on their back foot most of the day.

Cairns, who plays with Nottinghamshire in the English county competition, stunned the home side when he sent back Michael Slater and David Boon with successive balls in his sixth over.

He also snared Mark Taylor in his ninth over he trapped Waugh (36) lbw as the right-hander played back.

Australian skipper Allan Border failed to impress in 48 minutes for 16 before Morrison snared him, too, thanks to a wonderful catch at second slip by vice-captain Ken Rutherford.

He pounced the chance high to his left after Border had edged an attempted drive.
Taylor laboured for four hours for his 64, including five boundaries. His valuable sheath-anchor performance ended when he chipped on a ball in Cairns' 14th over.

Patel's dismissal of Steve Waugh (44) was the result of a superb catch by wicketkeeper Tony Blair.

SCOREBOARD
Scorecard at stumps on the opening day of the first cricket Test between Australia and New Zealand at the WACA ground here Friday.
AUSTRALIA: 1st innings 64
M A Taylor b Cairns 10
M J Slater c Patel b Cairns 10
D C Boon c Rutherford b Cairns 0
M E Waugh lbw Morrison 36
A R Border c Rutherford b Morrison 16
S R Waugh c Blain b Patel 44
I A Healy not out 30
P R Reiffel not out 16
Extras (b-4, lb-6, nb-3) 13
Total: (6 wkts) 229
Fall of wickets: 1-37; 2-37; 3-100; 4-129; 5-164; 6-198.
Bowling: O M R W
Morrison 22.4 3 71 2
Cairns 20 4 56 3
Watson 17 9 27 0
Su'a 14 2 43 0
Patel 6 0 22 1
Overs: 79.4

For Tyson, maybe it's all over

LONDON, Nov 12: Former world heavyweight champion Mike Tyson has shocked the boxing world by revealing that he may not resume his boxing career when he is released from prison, reports Reuter.

Speaking in the Indiana jail where he is serving a six-year sentence for rape, Tyson says there is a real possibility that his career is "all over."

In an interview at the jail to be screened by a British television network on Sunday, Tyson seemed completely unimpressed by talk of a boxing comeback and appeared only concerned with the fight to clear his name.

He also talks bitterly of feeling "insulted" by those people in

boxing who are already urging him to step back in the ring as soon as he is let out.
Asked about the prospect of a return, Tyson explains: "When I get out of here, I might be 28 or 29. What can I do? Whom can I fight? Yes, there's a possibility it's all over. It could be reality."

"There has to be more to life than people saying 'we need you back in the ring.' That's an insult to me. They have no kind of emotional feeling for me as a person."

That represents a stinging attack on those who have been already rubbing their hands at the prospect of the millions that Tyson's towering presence in the undistinguished heavyweight ranks could generate.

But Tyson himself fears that

even if he were to regain the heavyweight crown, notoriety would pursue him.
Asked how he thought he would be remembered, he said: "That Mike Tyson raped somebody that he was in jail for rape."

"But what I want is for the truth to be heard. I have not committed a crime. I'm not looking for money. I just want to be vindicated. I will pursue that vindication until the day I die."

In August, Tyson lost his long battle to overturn the six-year sentence imposed on him for raping beauty queen Desiree Washington, but his lawyers have filed another appeal to the Indiana Supreme Court and say they may take the case all the way to the Supreme Court if it fails.



Adrian Gonsalves of Chittagong Catholic Club (3rd from left) seen with the winner's trophy of the second FH Majumder memorial snooker tournament. In Thursday's final at the Narayanganj Club pavilion he beat the favourite NC Ghosh of the host club seven to two frames. Also seen, among others, are chief guest Habibur Rahman, DC Narayanganj (5th from left), and Enamul Haq Majumder (extreme left) and Syedul Huq Majumder (5th from right) of the sponsoring company of the annual tournament. — Star photo