

Sport

Tutam Evergreen's hero

Sports Reporter
An excellent all round performance by Tutam propelled Evergreen Sporting Club to a 85-run win against PWD Sports Club in a Mirpur First Division cricket league at the Mirpur Pallabi ground yesterday.

The opener scored 63 off 93 balls as Evergreen batting first piled up 245 for seven wickets, and then went on to capture four wickets for 46 runs to help bowl PWD out for 160.

Azim (Sr) and Asif were the other notable run getters with 41 and 48.

Veteran off spinner Fazlu took two for 37 among the beleaguered PWD bowlers.

Despite a brave 54 by opener Suman and 31 by skipper Kallol PWD were all out for 160 in 38.2 overs mainly because of effective bowling by Tutam and Azim (Sr).

Tutam had three scalps for 38 while Azim spent eight runs more but had a haul of four wickets to send PWD hurtling to a 85 run defeat.

Mamun was the other Evergreen bowler to figure quite prominently bagging two for 28.

TODAY'S MATCH

Agrani vs Railway (Mirpur)

Big win for East End

Sports Reporter

East End Club beat Young Pegasus for 20 as Pegasus batting first were all out for 122 in 35.5 overs.

Sohel, Hira and Rumi were the scorers for Pegasus with 29, 24 and 13 respectively.

East End needed 25.2 overs to post 123 for the loss of three wickets with Titu making an unbeaten 33. Noman with 25 and Parvez with 20 were the other major contributors for the winners.

Sujan, Sohel and Masud took a wicket apiece for Pegasus.

H'ball results

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Rifles trounced Victoria Sporting Club 22-03 in the Phoenix Insurance handball competition at the Handball Court yesterday.

The winners led the first half 16-02.

Rokon and Alamgir scored five goals each while Jahangir, Mozammel and Sanat Malakar scored three each for Rifles. Iqbal with two and Nahid with one scored for Victoria.

In today's matches, Bangladesh Ansars take on Anirban Sangsad while Brothers Union face Bangladesh Police.

Cox's Bazar

soccer

From Our Correspondent
COX'S BAZAR, Dec 10: Cox's Bazar DSA qualified for the semifinals of the DC Gold Cup after beating Chittagong Bengal Club 3-2 in a tie-breaker at the local stadium today.

The sides were locked in a goalless draw after normal time.

In the first semifinal Chittagong Kollol Sangha take on Abdu Sobhan FC of Potia district tomorrow.

Div III soccer

Sports Reporter

Both the matches in the Pragoti Insurance Third Division football league ended as dull draws at the Outer Stadium yesterday.

Kadamtala Sangsad drew with Aminbazar Krira Sangha 1-1.

In another encounter Maghbazar Kishalaya and Basabo Tarun Sangha played out a goalless draw.

Italian pole

vaulter faces ban

ROME, Dec 10: Italian pole vaulter Alberto Giacchetto was suspended on Monday after testing positive for the steroid Metandienone, the Italian Athletics Federation (FIDAL) said, reports Reuter.

Munna shines in 1st friendly

Sports Reporter
Monem Munna, country's prized defender, excelled in his role as an attacking-midfielder scoring two spectacular goals as the Bangladesh national football team carved out an impressive 3-1 win against the visiting Myanmar national team in an exhibition match at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.



MUNNA

The winners led the first half two nil.

Striker Imtiaz Ahmed Nakib put Bangladesh ahead with a goal in the tenth minute of the match.

Eleven minutes later Munna, the tough defender who plays for Abahani Krira Chakra in the domestic league, treated the sparse crowd with a spectacular goal.

The visitors who are here to provide the local team a scope for an evaluation of its accrued strength for the SAF Games starting from December 20 staged a strong rally in the second half. They pulled back a goal but Munna was once again on the target to seal the fate of the match.

Fresh from their preparatory tour of Malaysia, Bangladesh who are being trained by FIFA coach Oldrich Svab from Switzerland got off to a roaring start with the unabashed vocal support of the partisan crowd

causing a steady flow of adrenalin in the local booters.

Satyajit Das Rupu dribbled past a host of opponents to trigger off the assault on the Burmese defence but the Brothers Union medio found little support from his colleagues and the opening, as early as in the eighth minute fizzled out.

But the lithe and hungry looking Imtiaz Ahmed Nakib who started the last season for Mohammedans with a flourish made amends two minutes later.

He received a neat minus from the left by Rakib, another player who put a good show, under the floodlights last night and skillfully evaded a defender before finding the net, with the Burmese custodian Aug Tet having very little to avert the downfall 1-0.

Now at the peak of their preparation in a bid to clinch the cherished, but elusive gold in football, Bangladesh carried on in the same vein and Munna wrinkled the result of the grilling and drilling for months together by the Swiss coach when he took a sudden, superb shot almost from the middle of the pitch to make it two nil for the home side 2-0, in the 21st minute.

Burma, the current SEA Games runners-up took time to settle down and started finding their feet at the fag end of the first half. The footballers from the neighbouring country who have Werner Beckelhaupt — the German coach who is in charge of the Bangladesh Youth team way back in 1978 — as their coach showed fine turn of speed on occasions.

Trailing by a goal, they muffed an easy chance to draw level as one of their strikers shot over the bar in haste with Bangladeshi custodian Saidu at his mercy.

The speedy Burmese footballers put their passes together in the second half and exerted pressure on the home team but some solid rear guard action particularly by Moon

and Jewel Rans kept them at bay.

Bangladesh had their chance of consolidating their position in the second half but Nakib's header of a Gaus pass hit the bar.

Munna burst into the scene once again in the 34th minute of the second half when he scored from a flag-kick by Mohammedan's skilful midfielder



NAKIB

Arman 3-1.

Myanmar who really did not deserve to digest the third goal since they were in the saddle for the most part of the second half, at last got their deserts when Liang Win fired the ball home past a wee bit complacent and jiggered up Bangladeshi defence 3-1.

The second friendly match scheduled for a 4.30 pm start will be played at the same venue on December 13.

TEAMS
BANGLADESH: Saidu, Jahangir (Kaiser), Moon, Masud Rana, Rupu, Jewel Rana, Munna, Gaus (Swapan), Arman, Nakib and Rakib.

MYANMAR: Aung Tet, Saw Ba Byent, Tun Myint Lwin, Soe Naing, Je Itut, Tin Myint Aung (Thong Nyot), Kyi Lwin, Myo Itlan Win, Than Toe Aung, Tin Maung Tun, Moe Kyaw Tho (Saw Jonstone)

Referee: R Alam

SA receive a rare visitor

ADELAIDE, Dec 10: Australian cricket legend Sir Donald Bradman made one of his rare public appearances today when he agreed to meet the touring South African team here, reports AFP.

On the eve of the international one day match against New Zealand here on Saturday, Bradman met the 15-man tour party after a request from United Cricket Board of South Africa managing director Ali Bacher.

Bradman, now 85, has made few public appearances in recent years, but spoke with Kepler Wessels' side for some 20 minutes late today before posing briefly for photos with team coach Mike Procter.

South Africa are on their first Test tour to Australia since 1963-64 and Procter said the younger members of the party were in awe of the game's greatest ever player.

"It's the first time I've met him and it's a real honour," Procter said.

"The boys are all very cuffed because he's just a great man."

"In South Africa, we regard him as highly as any cricket national in the world because he's a legend," he said.

"He spoke about the game last night and how we played and how we hope to go on tour."

"He was very casual and put all the boys at ease."

Bradman underwent recent surgery to his left cheek and declined to comment after the informal meeting with the tourists.

In the last three to four years, he has declined numerous requests to meet visiting teams and only agreed to meet West Indian captain Richie Richardson last summer and the Pakistan team during the 1991-92 one-day World Cup.

South Australian Cricket Association executive manager Barry Gibbs said Sir Donald had enjoyed meeting the visitors.

"Ali Bacher rang to ask whether Sir Donald would be kind enough to meet the team in Adelaide," Gibbs said.

"Sir Donald has along friendship with Ali Bacher and he agreed to do so," he said.

"That's been accomplished and Sir Donald just asked that he could thank everyone for respecting his privacy."

The South Africans play New Zealand here on Saturday and then the Kiwis meet Australia at the Adelaide Oval on Sunday.

New Zealand captain Ken Rutherford said South Africa's win over Australia in Melbourne on Thursday had shown the tourists to be a powerful, well organised line up.

"We haven't seen very much of South Africa and it was very interesting to watch last night," Rutherford said.

"They are a very handy unit and very well organised," he said.

"We've taken stock after the Test series and we're looking forward to the one-dayers because we've played them pretty well in recent years."

New Zealand are expected to include three of their one-day specialists in Gavin Larsen, Chris Pringle and Rod Latham, who all joined the team earlier this week.

Bhola Lal clinches BANEX Open title

Sports Reporter
Bhola Lal Chauhan won the first ever BANEX Open squash tournament beating Sohail Hamid in a one-sided final 9-4, 9-0, 10-8 yesterday at the Dhaka Club Squash Complex.

Bhola was in complete control of the match from the word go playing a combination of delicate drop shots and boasts forcing Sohail to play string of unforced errors. He took the first set 9-4 and wrapped up the second without the loss of a single point.

The third was a more even contest in which Bhola had to rally from 7-8 down before fi-

nally subduing Sohail and take the match.

In an all English affair Harry Potter, First Secretary, British Commission was stretched all the way in a gruelling four setter against Malcolm Fry, MD, BTC before winning 9-1, 3-9, 9-6, 9-6 in the veterans section.

Later Industries Minister Zahiruddin Khan distributed prizes among the winners as chief guest.

President of the Bangladesh Squash Rackets Federation A Mueyed Chowdhury and Tanveer Madar, MD, Bangladesh Express Co Ltd, the sponsors of the tournament were also present.

Ratanapol rages

BANGKOK, Dec 10: Thailand's IBF mini-flyweight world champion Ratanapol Sor-Vorapin, beat Columbian Felix Naranjo in the second round of his fourth title defence on Friday in the western province of Suphan Buri, reports AFP.

New English cricket boss in March

LONDON, Dec 10: English cricketers will not know the identity of Ted Dexter's successor as chairman of the Test Selection Panel until next March, reports Reuter.

Alan Smith, chief executive of the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB), said on Thursday he anticipated none of the problems facing English soccer, currently struggling to find someone willing to take over from Graham Taylor as England boss.

"I don't think we will have any difficulty in finding a very capable person to do the job, although we haven't discussed any names yet," said Smith.

Former England captain Mike Smith remains the favourite to succeed Dexter who resigned in August after England had plunged to their eighth Test defeat of the year.

Recommendations will be made in time for a decision to be announced at the TCCB's March meeting.

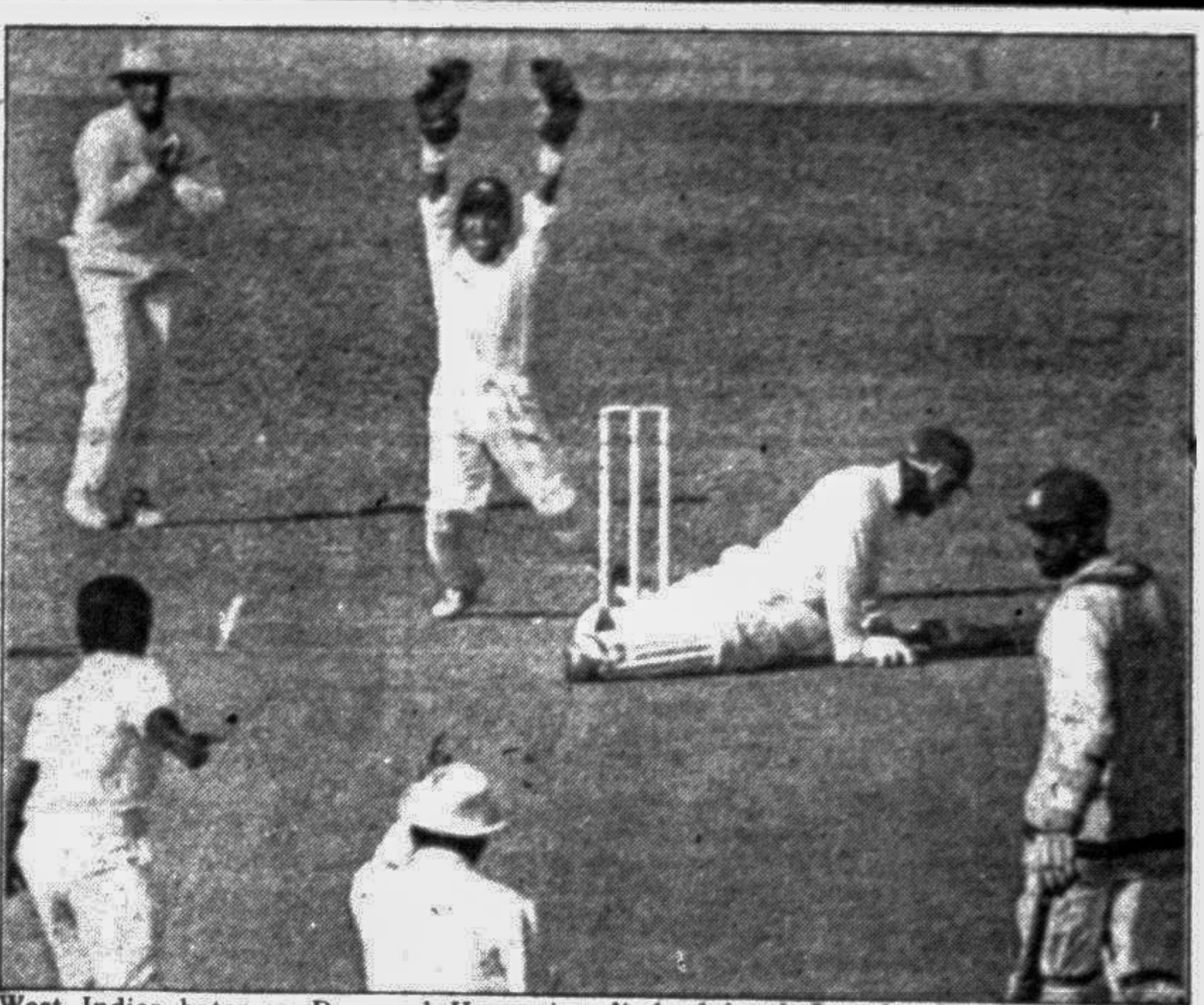
The England selection committee, however, has been increased at the request of the counties. Two annually elected selectors, one of them probably a current player, will now be involved next summer alongside the chairman, team manager and captain.

As expected, next season's Sunday league competition will revert to a 40-over per side format after just one season of 100-over games.

Smith also refused to shed any more light on the ball-tampering controversy which resurfaced in the recent libel case involving Pakistan's Sarfraz Nawaz and England's Allan Lamb.

The TCCB has been under fierce media pressure to reveal exactly what happened during a one-day international between England and Pakistan in 1992 when the ball being used by the tourists was changed, but Smith said.

"Members of the board are entirely satisfied that the matter has been properly handled by us and that we should always respect the confidentiality of umpires' reports."



West Indies batsman Desmond Hynes is adjudged leg before for 20 after swinging wildly across the line and losing his balance in the process off the bowling of Don Anurasiri (L, back to camera) on the second day of the one-off Test against Sri Lanka in Moratuwa on Dec 10.

Windies in SL spinners' web

MORATUWA, Sri Lanka, Dec 10: The West Indies were 99 for four, as Sri Lanka grimly fought back on the second day of the first ever Test between the two countries here Friday, reports AFP.

After being dismissed for 190 in the first innings, Sri Lanka came back into the game, thanks mainly to a turning pitch and their three-pronged spin attack.

Recalled left-arm leg-spinner Don Anurasiri spearheaded the fightback grabbing the wickets of veteran opener Desmond Haynes and Keith Arthurton.

Leg-spinner Muttiah Muralidharan and off-spinner Ruwan Kalpage also clipped in with a wicket each to leave the West Indies in a shaky position.

West Indian captain Richie Richardson, not out 26 and Carl Hoppe on nine were at the wicket at the close.

The West Indians started off confidently with openers Haynes and Phil Simmons rattling up 42 runs, punishing Sri Lanka's sole paceman Pramodya Wickremasinghe who gave away 25 runs from five overs.

But with the introduction of Anurasiri in the sixth over, the flow of runs was stemmed.

Haynes was first to go, swinging across the line to be ruled leg before to Anurasiri, for 20.

Simmons, who hit a couple of stunning cover drives off Wickremasinghe, quickly followed Haynes, caught behind by wicketkeeper Pubudu Dassanayake to leave the tourists 2 for 42.

Richardson and Brian Lara added 36 runs for the third-wicket before Lara, pushing forward to Muralidharan, got an outside edge to give Dassanayake an easy catch.

Keith Arthurton, going forward uncertainly to Anurasiri, gave a simple bat and pad catch to Sanath Jayasuriya at silly point as the West Indians tumbled to 84 for four.

With their tails up, the Sri Lankans tried desperately to press home the advantage, but Richardson and Hooper stood firm till the close.

A stubborn partnership of 51 runs for the seventh-wicket between Kalpage and Dassanayake gave some sort of respectability to Sri Lanka's first innings total.

The pair came together with Sri Lanka tottering on 130 for six, and they managed to stave off the West Indian pace attack for 23 overs as they collected invaluable runs.

Benjamin made the crucial

breakthrough with the second new ball, when he had Dassanayake caught behind by wicketkeeper Junior Murray for a gritty 18.

The gangling Curtly Ambrose, who had bowled only nine overs with the first new ball, returned to polish off the Sri Lankan tail, taking three wickets for four.

His victims included the unfortunate Kalpage, who seeing wickets fall at the other end, tried to go for the runs, and was caught at point by Richardson for 39.

The pick of the West Indian bowlers, however, was Winston Benjamin, whose fiery effort gained him four wickets at the cost of 46 runs.

Sri Lanka's hopes of building a big first innings total had virtually vanished in the first session of the day when their two most experienced batsmen, skipper Arjuna Ranatunga and Aravinda de Silva were out.

The pair resuming on the overnight total of 66 for 3, started off well, taking the total to 106 before Benjamin got the vital wicket of De Silva.

De Silva, Sri Lanka's most explosive batsman, had just completed his 12th Test half-century, and was on 51, when he played a fierce delivery from Benjamin onto his stumps.

De Silva's departure signalled the beginning of the end as with the very next ball by Benjamin, left-hander Sanath Jayasuriya shuffling across to a full length ball missed and was out leg before.

Kalpage denied Benjamin a hat-trick, but Sri Lanka suffered a further blow soon after when Ranatunga was out for 31, caught at first slip by Lara of Courtney Walsh.

Ranatunga's dismissal exposed the tail, and Ambrose and Benjamin quickly bowled them out.

Extras: (b-1, lb-9, nb-10) 20
Total: (98.2 overs) 190
Fall of wickets: 1-18; 2-20; 3-37; 4-106; 5-106; 6-130; 7-181; 8-182; 9-188.

Bowling:	O	M	R	W
Ambrose	12.2	5	14	3
Walsh	21	6	40	1
Harper	24	12	36	1
Hooper	20	5	44	1
Benjamin	20	8	46	4
Arthurton	1	1	0	0

WEST INDIES:
Haynes lbw Anurasiri 20
Simmons c Dassanayake b Kalpage 17
Richardson not out 26
Lara c Dassanayake b Muralidharan 18
Arthurton c Jayasuriya b Anurasiri 0
Hooper not out 9
Extras: (nb-9) 9
Total: (4 wkts) 99
Fall of wickets: 1-42; 2-42; 3-78; 4-84.

Bowling:	O	M	R	W
Wickremasinghe	5	0	25	0
Ranatunga	2	0	5	0
Anurasiri	18	4	35	2
Kalpage	6	2	16	1
Muralidharan	9	4	17	1
Jayasuriya	1	0	1	0

Beach v'ball makes its debut

LAUSANNE, Dec 10: Beach volleyball, which is due to become an Olympic sport at Atlanta in 1996, will make its debut in international competitions at next year's Asian Games in Hiroshima, the sport's ruling body said on Thursday.

Dr Ruben Acosta, president of the International Volleyball Federation (FIVB), said the decision had been taken recently by the general assembly of the Olympic Council of Asia in Kuwait.

The qualifying format for the Asian Games will be decided at an FIVB meeting here in January.

Gamache stops Park

AUGUSTA, Dec 10: Former lightweight and junior lightweight champion Joey Gamache stopped South Korea native Kyu Han Park in the first round of a scheduled 10-round bout at the Augusta Armory, reports AP.

A left hook by Gamache produced a bloody gash on Park's face when Park's tooth apparently broke the skin. Referee Mark Landry stopped the Wednesday night fight at 1.56.

"I think it was the right decision," said Gamache, who improved his record to 34-1. Park, who now lives in the US, is 33-19.

Miura's hat-trick does the trick

TOKYO, Dec 10: Kazuyoshi Miura scored three times as Kawasaki Verdy beat Urawa Reds 4-0 on Wednesday to clinch the second stage of the Japanese J League, reports Reuter.

He scored in the 17th, 27th and the 82nd minutes to take his tally for the season to 19, 14 of them coming in the second phase.

Verdy's ninth successive win left them with an unbeatable four point lead over Shimizu S-Pulse with one round of matches to be played.

They meet first stage winners Kashima Antlers over two legs next month to decide the overall title.

Argentine Ramon Angel Diaz hit his third hat-trick of the season in Yokohama Marinos's 4-1 win over Yokohama Flugels. He is the J league's leading marksman with 28 goals.



Firoyza Khatun one of the country's top female athletes and a medal prospect for the SAF Games limbering up before a practice session at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday. — Star photo



Winners of the BANEX Open squash tournament 1993 with chief guest AM Zahiruddin Khan, Minister of Industries, president and officials of BSRF and the sponsor of the tournament, Bangladesh Express Co Ltd (BANEX). — Star photo