

## Sport

**Big wins for 'boys'**

## Sports Reporter

**Kakrail Boys and Bangladesh Boys recorded emphatic wins in their respective matches of the Second Division cricket league yesterday.**

A solid innings of 62 by Shaheen powered Bangladesh Boys to a five wicket win over Young Pegasus 'B' at the eastern strip of the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

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**Nat'l sub junior chess begins**

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Thirty-one players registered victories on the first day of the 14th national sub-junior chess championship which got underway at the chess room of the National Sports Council (NSC) yesterday.

Sixty six participants including experienced players like Abdullah Al Rakib, Hossain Arif, Monowar, Noor, Tipu Sultan, Syed Mahfuzur Rahman, Abu Sufian, Dhakeel, Enamul Hossain, Ruhul Islam, Yanur Rahman, Mahmud Riaz and Saiful Kabir are in this nine round Swiss league system fray.

**Div II soccer**  
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Both the matches on the inaugural day of Sonali Bank Second Division football super league failed to produce results at Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Ajivjatrik Malibagh drew one all with Muslim Institute in the first match. Rezaul Haq gave Ajivjatrik the lead with a 45th minute strike. Raja Hossain of Muslim scored the equaliser in the 67th minute.

In the other game held later at the same venue, Lalibagh and BJMC shared points in a 1-1 tie.

**Valderrama to the rescue**

**BOGOTA, Jan 3:** Colombia captain Carlos Valderrama scored a late equaliser as his club side, Junior Barranquilla, came from three goals behind to draw with Atletico Nacional in the Colombian Championship at the weekend, reports Reuter.

Two goals from John Jairo Trelioz and one from Vitor Aristizabal — his sixth in four games — had put Atletico Nacional three ahead by half-time.

Miguel Guerrero and Ivan Vajenciano pulled two goals back before Valderrama completed the recovery to leave Junior top of the four-team final stage on bonus points from Atletico Nacional.

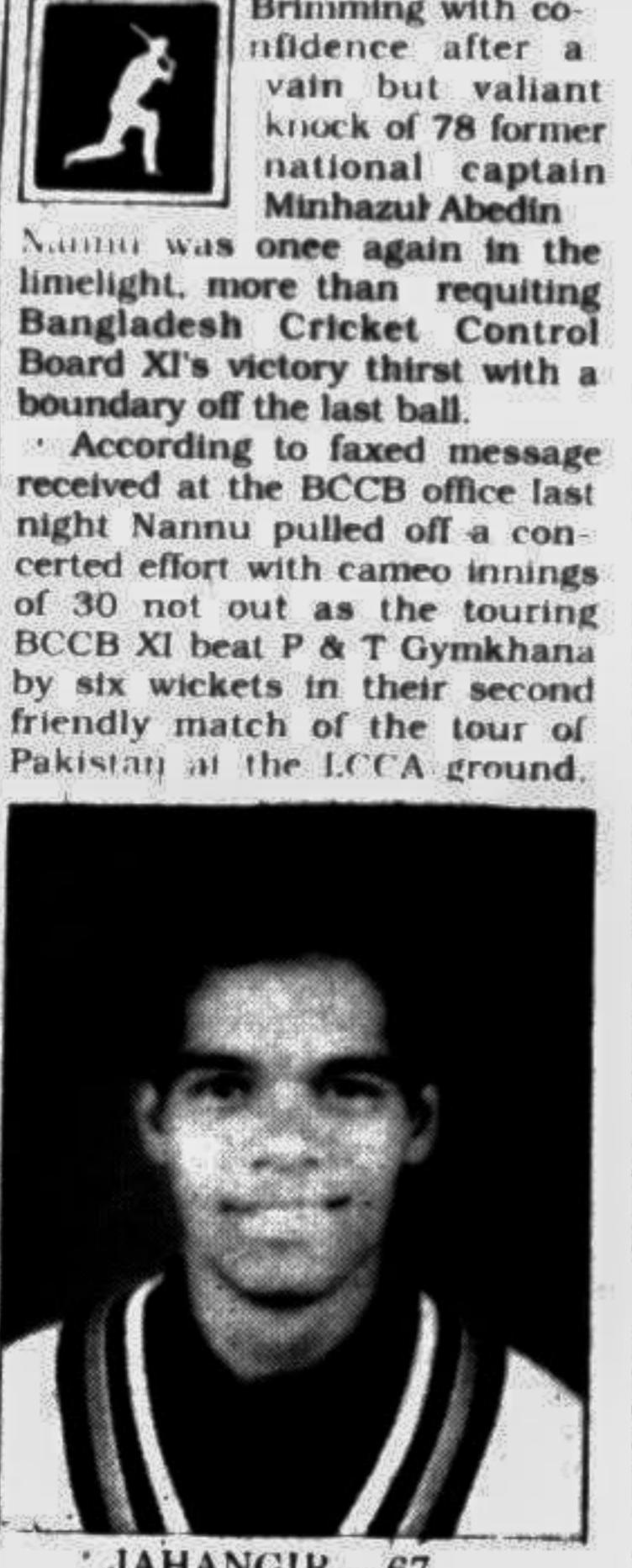
Defending champions America saw their chances slip dramatically when they could only draw 1-1 at home to Medellin.

# Exciting win for BCCB XI

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**Nannu** was brimming with confidence after a vain but valiant knock of 78 former national captain Minhazul Abedin once again in the limelight, more than requiring Bangladesh Cricket Control Board XI's victory thirst with a boundary off the last ball.

According to faxed message received at the BCCB office last night Nannu pulled off a concerted effort with cameo innings of 30 not out as the touring BCCB XI beat P & T Gymkhana by six wickets in their second friendly match of the tour of Pakistan at the LCCA ground.



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Selim Shahed apart from Athar who failed to make it to the double figures.

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Gymkhana which had the services of three Pakistan internationals — opening batsman Shahid Sayeed, wicketkeeper Ashraf Ali and Amir Nazir — got most of the runs from Ali Zia, opener Nadeem Yunus, Tariq Javed, and veteran Ashraf Ali.

Ali Zia who toured Bangladesh with Imran Khan's PIA team few years ago topscored with 46 followed by Tariq who made 31.

Nadeem who scored a punitive 30 with six fours was followed by Ashraf Ali who chipped in with 28, before being bowled by Golam Nawsher Prince.

Jahangir, the wicket-keeper-cum-batsman in fact emerged as the top scorer with a solid knock of 67 off 100 balls including six hits to the fence.

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Prince had final figures of two for 37 from eight overs. His new ball partner Anis took one for 45 and Athar bagged another one for 34 but Moni stole show with superb analysis of four for 20.

BCCB XI tour of Pakistan began disastrously when they lost to Lahore Wapda Sunday by nine wickets.

Slater steadies Aussie boat

SYDNEY, Australia, Jan 3: Organizers of the Hopman Cup team tennis championship threatened Monday to pull the plug on an experimental electronic line-calling system that has been hailed as the high-tech future of the sport, reports AP.

Davis Cup star Wally Masur asked for the malfunctioning system to be turned off during his 7-5, 6-4 victory over Cedric Pioline as Australia defeated France 3-0 in the quarterfinals.

Four points had to be replayed after the Tennis Electronic Lines system, which its creators had described as "foolproof," emitted a high-pitched noise during play for no apparent reason.

The South Africans gave Australia nothing in the way of gifts and the 90 overs for the day yielded just 180 runs in all, of which Slater contributed 87.

Boon dragged a wide ball from de Villiers on to his stump while Waugh unwisely played back to Symcox and was trapped lbw.

Late in the day, Martyn and Healy were missed in the space of three deliveries and those two dropped catches could prove vital should the pair build a larger stand on the third day Tuesday.

**SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard on the second day of the second Test between Australia and South Africa at the Sydney Cricket Ground to-day.

**SOUTH AFRICA** first innings: 169 (G Kirsten 67, S Warne 7-56)

**AUSTRALIA** first innings: (overnight: 20-1)

M Slater b Donald 92

M Taylor c Richardson b Donald 7

D Boon b De Villiers 19

M Waugh lbw b Symcox 7

A Border c Richardson b De Villiers 49

D Martyn not out 15

I Healy not out 6

Extras: (b-1, lb-1, nb-3) 5

Total: (for five wickets) 200

Fall of wickets: 1-10; 2-58;

3-75; 4-179; 5-179

To bat: S Warne, T May, C McDermott, G McGrath.

**Bowling (to date)** M R W

Donald 23 4 61 2

De Villiers 21 9 48 2

Matthews 24 10 33 0

Symcox 44 10 56 1



Australian batsman Mark Waugh turns to watch the ball after being dismissed leg before wicket by South African bowler P Symcox during the second Test match between Australia and South Africa in Sydney.

— AFP photo

# Litu bowls Railway over

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Devastating bowling by Litu helped title-aspirants Sadharan Bima Krira Sangha clinched the five team super league of the Milnars First Division cricket league as the leaders in the points table yesterday.

Bima who completed their nine-match engagement of the first phase of the ten-team fray outplayed powerful Bangladesh Railway at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium (DCS) by six wickets and Litu led the winners with a haul of five wickets for only 22 runs.

Opening bowler Sajjad and Dear got one wicket apiece among the other bowlers used on the day.

Bima were jolted by early setbacks when they went after the 151 runs needed for an outright victory. Three wickets were down for 41 but a solid fourth wicket partnership between Kiron and Momin which realised 75 runs put them on course of a rather comfortable win.

Sent in to bat first, Railway who too were through with their quota of nine matches yesterday, could manage 150 for nine wickets from the stipulated quota of 45 overs.

Litu ran through the Railway middle order with a telling

Tennis course begins

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A three-week long training course for young tennis players began at the National Tennis Complex in Dhaka yesterday.

James Pyle, an international tennis expert from the United States, is conducting the course, organised by the Bangladesh Tennis Federation with assistance of the International Tennis Federation.

Earlier president of the Bangladesh Tennis Federation Faizur Rahman Chowdhury, general secretary Moazzem Hossain Khan and other officials were present.

CITY WIN

Babar's individual brilliance powered City Club to a four-wicket win over fancied Dhaka Wanderers in day's other Milnars encounter played at the Pallabi Cricket Ground.

Babar took three wickets for 29 runs as City after having

put Wanderers in to bat first

restricted them to 175 for eight wickets.

Litu, Shariful Babu and Shafiq were the mainstays of the Wanderers innings with scores of 55, 35 and 28 respectively.

Al Amin ably assisted Babar with figures of two for 29 among the City bowlers. There was one wicket apiece for Wahid and Bappy.

Babar played a stellar role when City started their quest for a victory target of 176 runs in 45 overs.

He made 62 off 91 balls with the help of four boundaries before nicking one to Jahanir off spinner Halmi Babu.

With Bappy and Wahid contributing 25 and 18 respectively City recovered in time from a minor slump and got 176 for the loss of six wickets in 43.5 overs.

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175 runs for the loss of six wickets in 43.5 overs.

Suman of Railway stirred up

Railway's hopes of making

match of it with three early

wickets that cost him 28 runs from nine overs.

Off-spinner Rubel was the only other bowler among the vanquished to give any support to the new-ball operator. He got one for 25.

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points from nine matches while Railway trial them by two

points having won six of their nine matches.

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