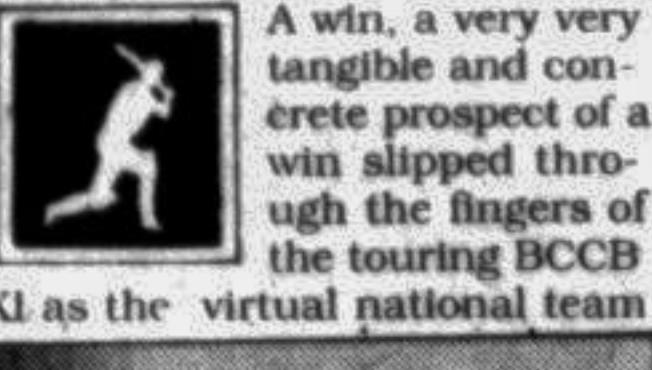


Sport

BCCB XI's thunder stolen

Sports Reporter



A win, a very tangible and concrete prospect of a win slipped through the fingers of the touring BCCB XI as the virtual national team

BULBUL ... 53

of Bangladesh suffered their third loss in the ten-match package tour of Pakistan to Inter-Globe XI of Karachi by the narrowest of the margin, divulgued a belated faxed message received at the BCCB office last night.

The Karachi outfit, not particularly revived up by the presence of the big names of Pakistan cricket, managed to ward off the combined efforts of the Bangladeshi bowlers at the final stage of the BCCB XI's fifth friendly over limit encounter in the 15-day trip to the land of the current world champions of the match.

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Inter-Globe, who were chasing 182 for an outright win off 45 overs, discovered two unexpected surprises — tail-enders Ghulam Hossain and Salim Sayeed. Combining at a time when the itinerants' most expe-

rienced paceman left arm Golam Nawsher Prince was threatening to gobble them up in his second spell with the scoreboard announcing a rather hopeless condition for the local side with 125 for eight, the pair added 50 runs to steal visitors' thunder.

It was a galling experience which the Pakistan national team — if one can allude with an apology for the mind's incorrigible inclination of random associations — had to put up with during a semifinal of the first Prudential World Cup in 1975 when Roberts and Holder smashed some sixty odd runs and Pakistan's hopes of a place in the final.

The gravity of yesterday's situation at the UBL complex, observed by some member of the touring party as the best cricket ground in Pakistan, was far less, and lighter in comparison. But the message is quite alarming and with still some time to go before our cricketers get onboard of the Kenya-bound aircraft the instance should be quite educating too.

Ironically Golam Nawsher Prince, the most successful bowler for BCCB XI yesterday, had the dubious distinction of being the bowler at whose cost the winning runs were taken of the penultimate delivery of the match.

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PRINCE ... 4 for 31

Earlier sent in to bat, BCCB XI, travelling Pakistan as a part of Bangladesh's preparation for the ICC trophy to be held in Kenya from next month onwards, made 181 for seven wickets.

Aminul Islam Bulbul regained his long lost touch with a well compiled half century. He scored 53 with the help of three fours followed by lefthanded Enamul Huq Moni, who made 26.

Skipper Faruque apart almost everyone got among the runs. Shahn who scored a half century in the third match made 20 with openers — young Sajid and Jahangir — chronologically completing the line-up with 19 and 16 respectively.

Mohtarin Rashid was the home team's best bowler, bagging two for 27.

All for who's who

CALCUTTA, Jan 7: In a unique experiment a one-day meet would be organised at the Eden Gardens here on December 27 to decide the best batsman and best bowler of the world, reports PTI.

The tournament dubbed as power — the world's best would be organised by the Professional Management Group and sponsored by the Bata India Ltd to mark their centenary year, former Indian skipper Sunil Gavaskar, said here today.

Gavaskar told newsmen that at the least top batsmen and bowlers from the world over would be pitted against each other in a day-night affair to decide the best batsman and bowler in the world.

Though the format of the event is yet to be finalised, Gavaskar said, "It would be made in such a way that each batsman would play ten overs and each bowler would send down ten overs and we will see to it that each batsman plays each bowler for one over."

PK Dutta, the managing director of the Bata India Ltd, said that since 1994 marks the 100th year of Bata worldwide, "We thought that the event would be best to mark the occasion." Bata India would be spending at least Rupees 70 lakh for the meet, which would be first of its kind in cricketing history," Dutta said.

Manjrekar recalled

NEW DELHI, Jan 7: India recalled Sanjay Manjrekar on Thursday to their side for the three-test series against Shri Lanka, reports Reuter.

Manjrekar, 28, was dropped from the Indian team after failing on the 1992 tour of South Africa.

The only new face in the squad is 24-year-old wicket-keeper Nayan Mongia who replaces Vijay Yadav.

Team: Mohammed Azharuddin (captain), Navjot Sidhu, Manoj Prabhakar, Ajay Jadeja, Vinod Kambli, Sachin Tendulkar, Pravin Amre, Sanjay Manjrekar, Kapil Dev, Jagavaj Srinath, Anil Kumble, Venkatachala Raju, Rakesh Chauhan, Nayan Mongia.

"We have to make sure we keep believing in ourselves," Taylor said on arrival in Brisbane on Friday. "I think this will give us a chance to put the Test behind us and get out there and play positive cricket."

Taylor compared the situation to Australia's 2-1 series loss to the West Indies last



Participants on the fifth day of the national subjunior chess competition at the chess room of the National Sports Council (NSC) yesterday.

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Rakib still leads

Sports Reporter

Abdullah-al-Rakib of Narayanganj stayed in the top of the points table of the national chess competition securing five points at the end of the fifth round at the chess room of the National Sports Council yesterday.

Rakib beat Tipu Sultan, Mahfuzur Rahman of Magura moved into second position with 4.5 points.

Arif, Tipu, Shakil, Sefat Sabir, Motir and Walilullah with four points each were occupying the third position.

Biman Cup football results

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Chittagong advanced to the zonal semifinal with a crushing 6-0 victory over Lakshminipur in the inaugural day of the Biman Cup national under-14 football tournament which started simultaneously in eight venues across the country yesterday.

Other teams, won yesterday, are Moulvi Bazar, Gazipur, Rajshahi, Gaibandha, Dhaka, Pirojpur and Khulna.

Chittagong who trounced Lakshminipur at Gaibandha will take on the winners of Rangamati and Feni on January 11.

Moulvi Bazar beat Brahmanbaria 1-0 at Sunamganj to reach the semifinal. Redwan scored the match winner. Moulvi Bazar will play the winner of today's encounter between Comilla and Sunamganj on January 11.

At Gazipur, hosts Gazipur moved into the zonal semifinal outplaying Jamalpur 4-1. Alfar, Rajanikanta, Masud and Moin scored once each for Gazipur while the lone Jamalpur goal came from Latif.

Rajshahi blanked Sirajganj 3-0 to reach the semifinal at Pabna. Tanvir, Zafar and Farvez netted once each for the winners.

At Gaibandha, Niphamari also overwhelmed Panchagarh 3-0.

At Patuakhali, Pirojpur beat Bagerhat 7-6 in a tie-breaker to move into the zonal semifinal.

Salauddin's solitary goal against Sharaijpur earned Dhaka a spot in the zonal semifinal in the Gopalganj zone.

At Satkhira, Khulna got a walkover against Narail.

Div III SOCCER

Sports Reporter

Maghbazar K C and Basabo Tarun Sangha recorded wins in their respective Pragati Insurance Third Division football league matches at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

Maghbazar beat Fire Service 2-1.

Basabo Tarun Sangha, in another game defeated Sunrise Sporting Club 2-0. Mahmud and Arif scored once each for Basabo.

Women's handball

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Hatkota Sporting women's club cup handball championship '94 will begin on January 10 in Dhaka under the aegis of the Bangladesh Handball Federation (BHF), according to a press release issued yesterday.

Six teams, two from the capital and four from other parts of the country, will take part in the tournament.

The teams are: Mohammad Sporting Club of Barisal, Friends Society Club of Rangpur, Youth Sporting Club of Rangamati, Baghmar Sporting Club of Jessor, and Brothers Union and Old Ideas of Dhaka.

Rajshahi soccer

Sports Reporter

Diganta Proshari Sangha emerged champions in the Rajshahi Coca-Cola First Division football league for having better goal difference.

Sherif Sporting Club became runners-up.

Morrison's misery goes on



Zealand aggravated

BRISBANE, Jan 7: Danny Morrison's heat-breaking cricket season continued Friday when the New Zealand pace bowler aggravated a groin muscle injury and was ruled out of further World Series one-day

play, reports AP.

Morrison strained the muscle playing for Auckland in a Shell Cup one-day in Auckland and eight days ago and re-injured it in training in Brisbane on Friday. New Zealand play South Africa in a World Series match on Saturday at the Gabba.

He will be sidelined for at least two weeks.

In Wellington, New Zealand Cricket chairman Peter McDermott said that Willie Watson will replace Morrison, but that he would not arrive in Australia until Sunday. Richard de Groot will replace Morrison in Saturday's match.

Morrison has been both the best and unluckiest of the New Zealand attack with his three Tests against Australia returning just three wickets at 14.40.

"He's one guy we seem to be able to rely on to bowl his overs reasonably economically," said New Zealand captain Ken Rutherford.

"There's still a lot of cricket to be played on this tour and as we said when we won our first one-day, one win doesn't make a summer," Cronje said.

"It certainly was a fantastic victory for us having had to fight from ball one. It's a confidence booster but we are certainly not over-confident."

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