

Partex b'ball begins today

Sports Reporter The Partex First Division Basketball league begins at the Outer Stadium wooden floor gymnasium in Dhaka today. In all twelve teams are taking part in the league...

Div II cricket

Sports Reporter Uttara Eastern Sporting Club, aided by a fine allround performance from Shyamol, thrashed Evergreen Cricket Club by 105 runs in one of the two matches of the Second Division cricket league on the western strip of the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.



Professor Rashid Uddin Ahmed addressing the newsmen at a press conference, convened in connection with the Partex First Division basketball league '93 organised by the Bangladesh Basketball Federation at the conference room of the National Sports Council (NSC) yesterday.

A narrow squeak for PWD

A breezy 51 from Sumon laid the bulwark of a squaky three-wicket win for Public Works Department (PWD) over Shantinagar B in one of the two Milnars First Division relegation league matches at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

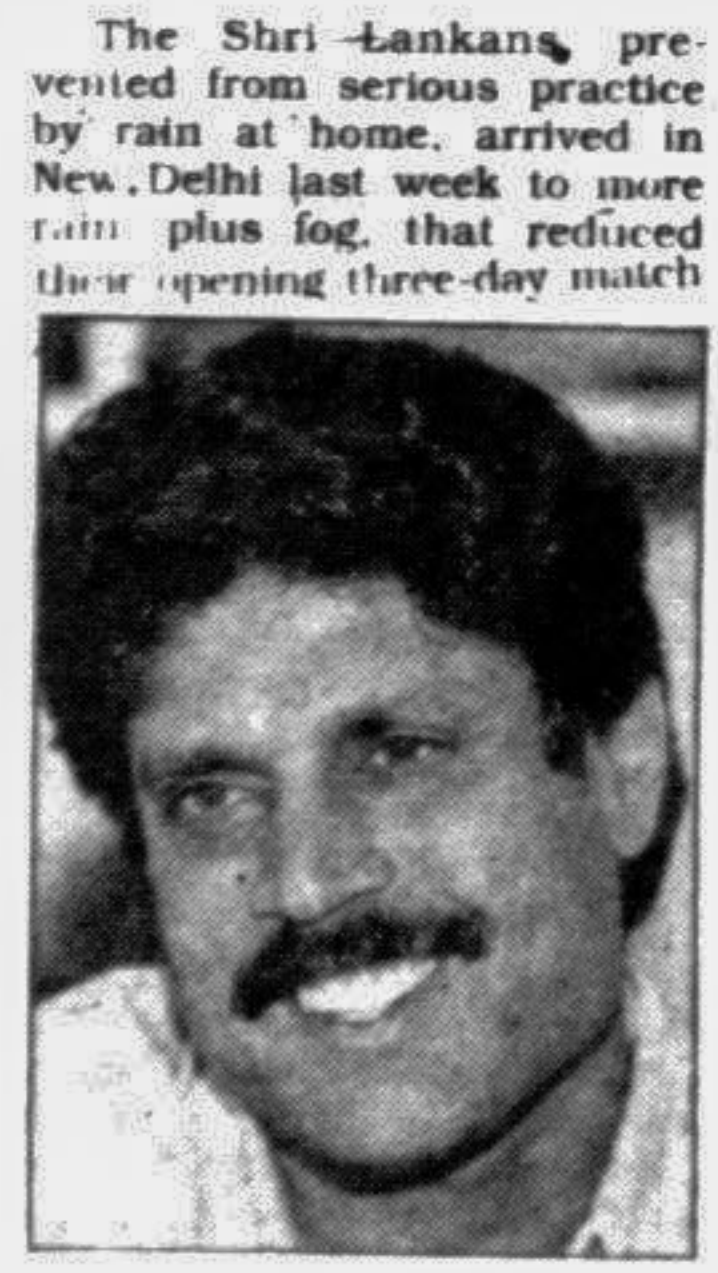
Atiq ran himself out for 47 to be the fourth batsmen out and an ominous collapse saw PWD staggering at 154 for seven in 28 overs. But, Boglu, who remained not out on 26, made sure that his side made it home.

Sher-e-Bangla Cup nat'l soccer begins today

The 18th Sher-e-Bangla Cup national football championship begins at different zones across the country today, reports BSS. Sixty District Sports Associations and six services teams will take part in the nine zonal competitions...

India-SL Test begins today Kapil nears moment of glory

LUCKNOW, Jan 17: India opens a three-Test series against Sri Lanka on Tuesday, with all eyes on Kapil Dev as he goes for cricket's Test bowling record. The great Indian all-rounder needs just seven more wickets to break Sir Richard Hadlee's record of 431-Test scalps...



KAPIL DEV

The Sri Lankans, prevented from serious practice by rain at home, arrived in New Delhi last week to more rain plus fog, that reduced their opening three-day match to a four-hour batting session. Captain Arjuna Ranatunga is likely to bring in at least one new cap...

Fletcher's firm belief

ANTIGUA, Jan 17: England's cricketers began their three and a half month tour of the Caribbean on Sunday with a lengthy net session in ninety degree heat and the backing of team manager Keith Fletcher. Fletcher has presided over eight defeats and only one victory in 10 Tests since taking over from Mickey Stewart.



KEITH FLECHER

beaten in a home Test series for 21 years. The West Indies are a good all-round side, but I've never feared anybody," he said. "We've brought a young side here, and they are all keen and all raring to go."

Amarnath nostalgic

ISLAMABAD, Jan 17: Former Indian Test cricketer Mohinder Amarnath has called for revival of Test series between India and Pakistan saying such matches had been always beneficial for the two neighbours, reports PTI. Cricket series in the past had contributed to raising the standard of the game in the two countries.

Border dispels doubt

SYDNEY, Jan 17: Australian cricket captain Allan Border has dismissed suggestions that his career is winding down, following his omission from the Australian limited overs team last weekend, reports AP. "I didn't play because I wanted to make sure that the

other blokes got every opportunity leading up to some important games," Border said Monday after arriving in Sydney from Perth where Australia were thrashed by South Africa on Sunday. "Border did not play in that match, part of the World Series tournament. "The best option was for me not to play. Why does everyone seem to jump to these conclusions?" Border asked.

Kirsten to fight on

SYDNEY, Jan 17: Veteran South African batsman Peter Kirsten is ready to ignore a fractured left cheekbone and play in the World Series cricket finals - if the South Africans qualify, reports AP. Kirsten was hit in the face by a bouncer from Australian pace bowler Glenn McGrath during South Africa's World Series win at the WACA Ground on Sunday.



Zamalek's Nigeria striker Emmanuel Amunike (R) tangles with an unidentified player of arch-rivals Al Ahly during the all-Egyptian Africa Super Cup final in Johannesburg on Jan 16. Zamalek won 1-0.

Barcelona, Romario rocked

PARIS, Jan 17: Barcelona's Brazilian star Romario was sent off for the first time in the Spanish League on Sunday for punching Sevilla's Diego Simeone in the face, reports AFP. "Though the match ended goalless, leaving Barca three points behind leaders Deportivo La Coruna, Romario's left jab ensured the Catalan club kept in the headlines this weekend. The 27-year-old striker Brazilian was immediately sent off.

England's David Platt was brought into the match on 72 minutes, but was unable to prevent 'Samp's' fifth league loss this season. Depleted Juventus moved into second place on goal difference with their second draw running against midtable opposition. Giovanni Trapattoni's men drew 0-0 at home to A S Roma but both sides and a man sent off. Juventus' German defender Jurgen Kohler and Roma's Walter Bonacina were sent off together after a clash two minutes before half-time.

Uttaran win Tejgaon Club Cup V-Day cricket

Sports Reporter Nakhlapara Uttaran Club became champions in the Tejgaon Club Victory Day Cup cricket tournament when they outplayed Russel Smriti Sangha by five-wickets in the final at the Tejgaon Science College ground yesterday. Batting first, Russel Smriti were all out for 93. Lokman scored 23 and Nantoo 12. Atal with three for 19 and Ripon with three for 10 shared the spoils for Uttaran. Uttaran Club, chasing a reachable target, made 97 for five. Shihab top scored with 42. He was followed by Babu (Jr) with 14 and Babu (Sr) with 13. Sumon claimed two wickets for 25. Shihab was later adjudged man-of-the-match. State Minister for Textiles Abdul Mannan gave away prizes after the match.

Obituary

A K M Wahidul Anwar, member of the organising committee of the Sixth SAF Games and joint secretary of the accommodation committee of the Games, died of a heart attack in New York on Thursday night, according to a message received in Dhaka yesterday, reports BSS. He was 40. Anwar, who was senior Assistant Secretary in the Ministry of Youth and Sports, joined the government service (BCS administration) in 1981. He left behind his father, mother, wife, two sons and four brothers to mourn his death. His body is expected to arrive here on Friday next. Ministry of Youth and Sports sources said.

It's unsporting

SYDNEY, Jan 17: Australian women's cricket star Denise Annetts had no grounds for complaint against omission from the squad to tour New Zealand, team captain Belinda Clarke said Monday, reports AP. Annetts complained to the government-funded Anti-Discrimination Board week that she was left off the team because she's not a lesbian. Clark said the selectors had other reasons for sacking the 29-year-old Annetts.

Div II soccer

Sports Reporter Bangladesh Police recorded a narrow 1-0 win over City Club in the Sonali Bank Second Division football super league match at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday. Mostafa Kamal scored the lone goal for the winners.

Spain's media was surprised by the incident as Romario, who tops the league's goal charts with 16, is not a notable player. Barcelona should have earlier taken advantage of 10-man Sevilla when Manuel Jimenez was set off just after the break. Meanwhile Romario's Brazilian colleagues in La Coruna's team has a better weekend as Mauro Da Silva and Beбето scored in a 3-1 victory at Valencia in the mid-point of the Spanish season. Barragan Claudio got the other for Deportivo and Jose Galvez had earlier opened the scoring for Valencia. Xavier Escaich had in incredible game for Sporting Gijon with four goals in their 7-1 win over Osasuna Pamplona. Croatia's Mario Stanik hit two and Fernandez Abelardo the other as Gijon regained third place. Polish striker Jozek Zöber scored for Pamplona, but it did not prevent them dropping to the foot of the table. Lerida's goalless draw at home to Racing Santander was enough to bring them up from bottom spot. An early goal from Emilio Butragueno and two penalties from Gonzalez Michel earned fourth-placed Real Madrid a 3-2 victory over nine-man Real Zaragoza. Arias Belsue was sent off in the first half hour and Fernando Caceres received his marching orders in the second half. In Italy, AC Milan's third 0-0 draw running, in front of 40,000 spectators at Genoa, propelled them further ahead. Milan lie three points ahead as Sampdoria could not capitalise on the neighbourly act of Genoa, who share the same Luigi Ferraris Stadium. Champions Milan were found wanting up front despite the presence of Jean-Pierre Papin in his first league match after suspension for headbutting. But Papin, who scored against Parma in the European Super Cup in midweek, was rightly marked and failed to impose himself. Montenegro's Dejean Savicevic was also virtually invisible in Milan's midfield. Sampdoria were well beaten 2-1 at lowly Piacenza. Marco Piovanni opened the scoring for Piacenza on the half hour and Marco Ferrante put them two ahead a quarter of an hour after the break. Bald winger Attilio Lombardo struck home in 83rd minute penalty, but Sampdoria failed to find an equaliser in the closing minutes.