

Sport

Warm warm-up for Bangladesh

Sports Reporter

Opener Jahangir Alam sparked with a superb century as Bangladesh started their build-up for next month's ICC Trophy in style, thrashing Uganda by 169 runs in an exhibition one-day at the Kenyan capital of Nairobi, according to a faxed



JAHANGIR ... 109

message received at the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) last night.

On a day when almost all the top order batsmen found scoring quite an easy proposition, Bangladesh amassed a huge total of 302 in the allotted 50 overs, losing only six of their men.

Jahangir, the diminutive opener-cum-wicketkeeper, set the pace for his fellow batsmen with a blazing knock. The

Biman batsman made 109 before he retired hurt. At the other end, his opening partner Athar Ali Khan also enjoyed his stay at the crease. The tall allrounder, who performed commendably in the two-match exhibition one-day series against Pakistan in Dhaka a few days back, scored a handsome 51.

Faruque Ahmed, the captain, however, had no such luck, managing only 13 while stylish Selim Shahed also had a moderate success with the willow. Shahed, who scored a half century on Bangladesh's tour of Pakistan, had 22 to his name.

Former national skipper Minhazul Abedin Nannu produced the other fifty of the innings, contributing 55 to the impressive total.

Amrul Islam Bulbul, the dark and dapper allrounder, collected 19 while Akram Khan, the burly right-hander, walked in a little late for a big score, remaining unbeaten on 10 when the stipulated overs were exhausted.

The Ugandans, set to score six runs an over for victory, were never in the chase in the face of superior Bangladeshi attack and inched on to 133 in their 50 overs with only wicket to spare.

Bharat came up with any resistance and managed 40 runs before offering a return catch to southpaw Enamul Haq Moni.

Sharfuddinul Iqbal Saikat, the young left-arm spinner, was the most successful among the Bangladeshi bowlers, picking three wickets

for 25 in his ten-over spell. But Athar Ali, who had a nice time with the bat earlier, stole the show with fantastic figures of 7-3-9-2. Golam Nawsher Prince, the left-arm medium paceman, also bowled economically in his ten-over stint, conceding only 13 runs for his lone victim. His new ball partner Jahangir Talukder



ATHAR ... allround show

Dulu spent 18 runs for his wicket in nine overs.

Moni was the most expensive among the bowlers with figures of 2 for 37 from nine overs.

SUMMARISED SCORE

BANGLADESH: 302-6 in 50 overs (Jahangir 109, Nannu 55, Athar Ali 51, Selim Shahed 22).

UGANDA: 133-9 in 50 overs (Bharat 40; Saikat 3-25, Athar 2-9, Moni 2-37).

Athletes to participate in Indian meet

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh will take part in an invitational athletics meet to be held in Madras, the southern state capital of India.

Organised by the Amateur Athletic Federation of India (AAFI) and the Tamil Nadu state government the meet will rustle up athletes from 30 to 40 countries, said a National Sports Council (NSC) official.

Bangladesh will field will send a ten-member contingent including two officials.

Bimal Chandra Tarafdar, who was recently crowned as the fastest man of South Asia following his gold-winning effort in 100m dash for men in the Sixth SAF Games in Dhaka from December 20 to 27 will be one of the eight selected athletes.

The other prominent member of the team is Navy's hurdler Abdur Rahim Nayeem.

Giasuddin, Azhar Ali, Rehana Parveen, Nilufar Yasmin, Jyotsna Afroz and Lubna Mahmud will complete the octet.

Saidur Rahman Don, 1984 Olympian will be the manager and Sufia Khatun will accompany the team which leaves Dhaka on January 13 as the coach.

Invited to the meet will bear all the expenses.

Nirman cricket

Sports Reporter

Baganbari and Udayan schools won their respective titles of the 12th Nirman schools cricket championship at different city venues yesterday.

Baganbari beat Kalachandpur by five wickets at the Dhanmondi Club Ground in one of the ties.

Extras numbered 53 as Kalachandpur, batting first, collected 175 for seven from the allotted 35 overs.

Amir was the top scorer among the effectual contributors with 47, followed by Saifuddin, Lutfur and Iqbal, who chipped in 23, 20 and 21 respectively.

Baganbari overhauled the score for the loss of five wickets, posting 177 in 26.5 overs. All led the charge for the winners with 59. The second highest contribution came from extras that deposited 51.

Amir, who scored 47 runs in Kalachandpur's innings, took two Baganbari wickets for 32 runs.

In the other match played on the western strip of the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, Udayan defeated Ganabhaban School by 65 runs.

Batting first, Udayan collected 187 for six wickets.

Kabir, Kamal, Khadem were the main scorers with 35, 33 and 24 respectively.

Zaheer took three for 31 while Atiq bagged another two for 20 among the Ganabhaban bowlers.

Ganabhaban were all out for 122 in 26.1 overs in their turn. Khadem completed a fine allround performance, bagging three wickets for 16. Mainuddin and Kabir claimed two wickets apiece.

Winning Winners

Sports Reporter

Dhaka Winners Club maintained their hundred percent winning record when they trounced Josephites Club 78-50 in a somewhat lopsided affair of the Partex First Division basketball league at the Outer Stadium wooden-floor gymnasium yesterday.

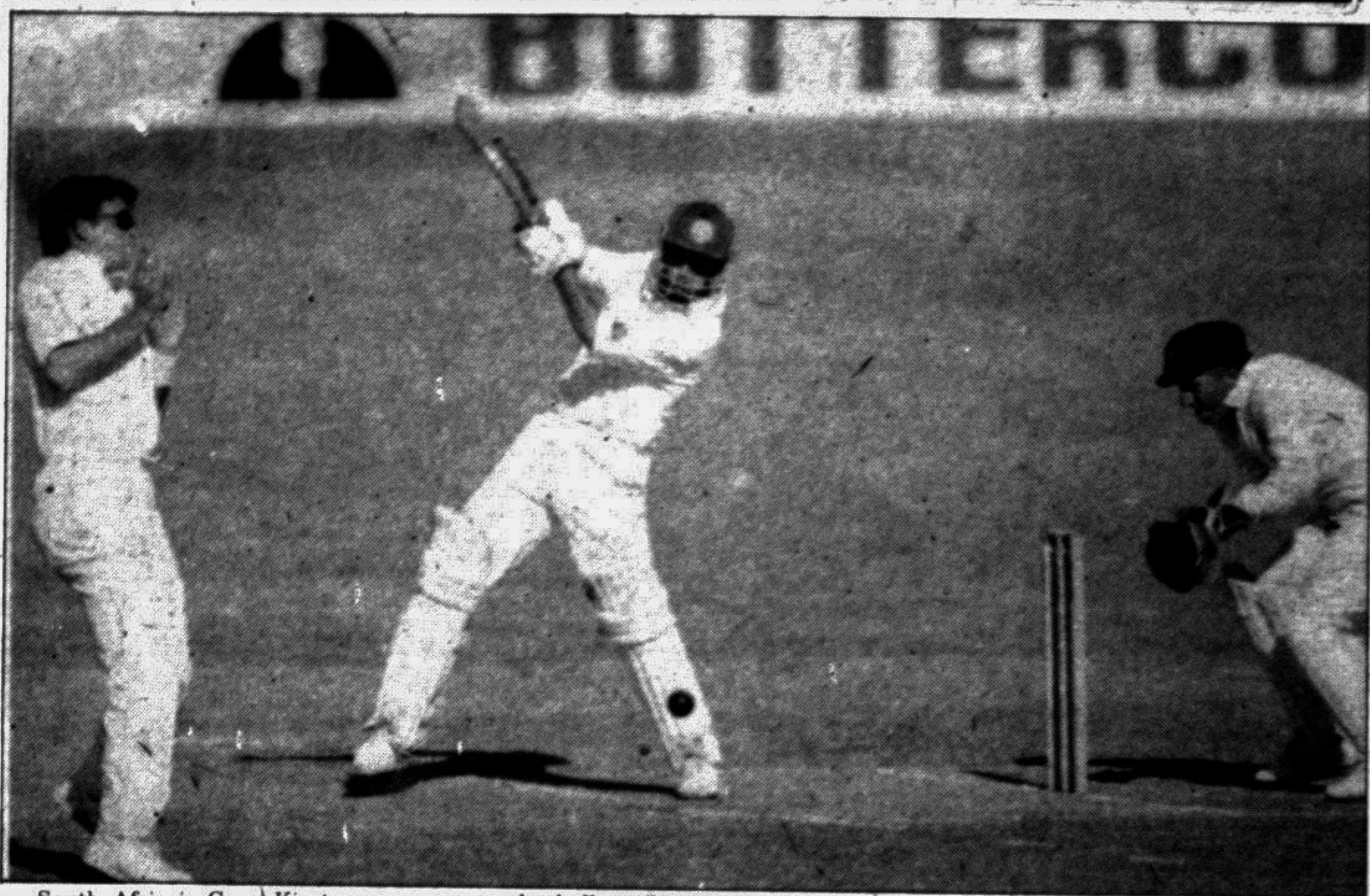
Tanu (17) and Shahab (13) led the charge for the winners, who raced to a comfortable 43-25 lead on completion of the first session.

Shehzad notched up 13 points to top-score for the vanquished.

Winners have won all the five matches they have played so far while it was the second defeat for Josephites in four matches.

In the other match, a low-scoring encounter, Dhumketu had to sweat all the way before edging past Honets 48-41.

The victors, who had a 22-16 lead in the first half, were bolstered by the productive spell of scoring from Jabbar (18) and Nahid (16).



South Africa's Gary Kirsten square cuts the ball to the fence off Tim May forcing Mark Waugh to take evasive action during the second day of the third and final Test between Australia and South Africa in Adelaide yesterday. — AFP photo

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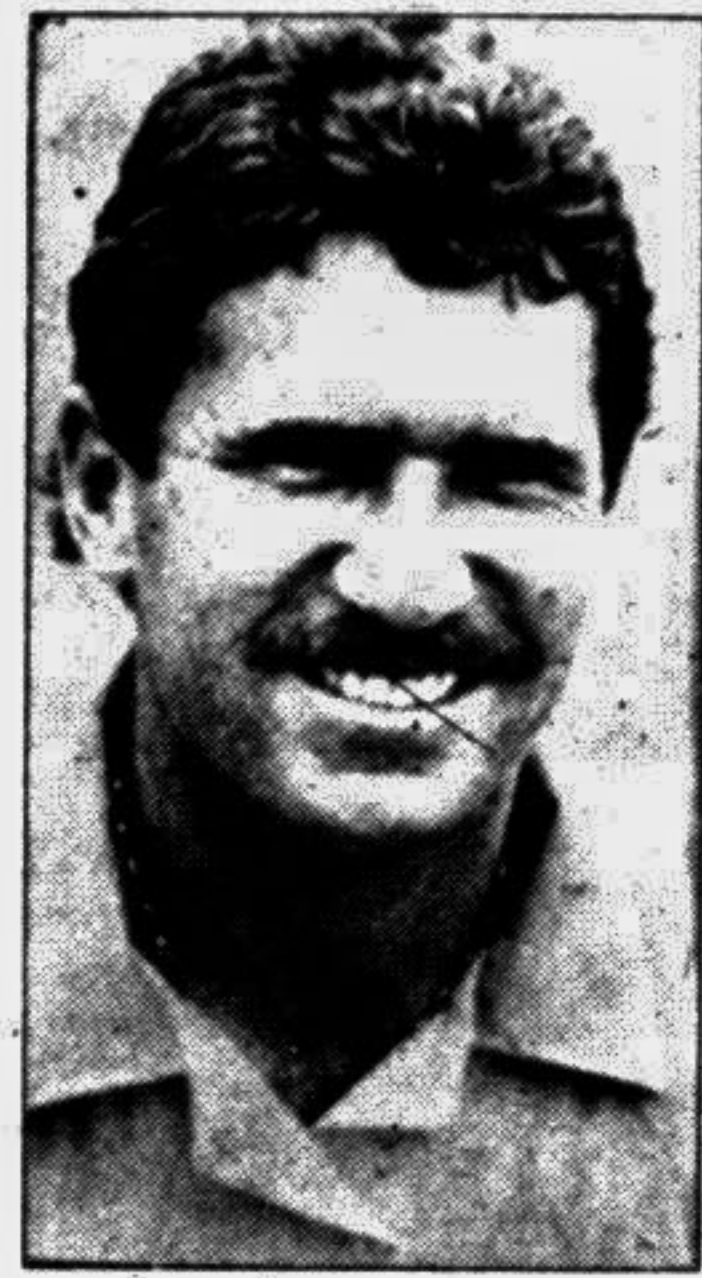
Border crosses border

ADELAIDE, Jan 29: South Africa made an encouraging start in their chase after Australia's big first

innings total in the series-deciding third cricket Test here today, reports AFP.

Opening batsmen Andrew Hudson and Gary Kirsten posted an untroubled 39 in the 54 minutes before stumps after Allan Border had closed his team's innings with 7-469 on the second day.

Hudson is unbeaten with 17 and Kirsten has made 16.



BORDER ... 84

There is clearly still a huge amount of work facing the tourists, but the calm manner in which the openers got the innings rolling will encourage them in their belief that they can certainly achieve the 270 runs needed to avoid the follow-on.

South Africa will win the series if they draw the game. Australia, on the other hand, must win to prevent a series defeat at home by South Africa for the first time.

The key to the game may be in the hands of Australia's quality slow bowling pair, leg-spinner Shane Warne and off-spinner Tim May.

They did not cause major concerns in five shared overs

late in the day, but are expected to extract helpful spin as the game progresses. Australia's formidable first innings total was wrapped around a record breaking 208 run partnership between Steve Waugh and Allan Border.

Coming together with their side with a hint of trouble at 4-183 on the opening day, they held the South African bowlers at bay for almost five hours.

Their stand was the best for the Australian fifth wicket in Tests against South Africa, beating the 143 by Warwick Armstrong and Victor Trumper in Melbourne in the 1910-11 season. But an even more significant milestone during their domination of the bowlers on a comfortable pitch was Border's achievement of becoming the first batsman in history to complete 11,000 Test runs.

He went to the top of the all-time run list last season when he overtook former Indian captain Sunil Gavaskar's aggregate of 10,122.

Border, six months away from his 39th birthday, was eventually out for a characteristically rock-solid 84, made in almost five-and-a-half hours and including a mere three boundaries.

He fell when he flashed outside the off-stump to a ball from medium pacer Brian McMillan and edged to wicketkeeper David Richardson.

Waugh, 123 at the time of Border's departure, stayed to complete 164, his second highest score and his seventh century in Test runs.

During his six-and-a-half hour marathon innings he struck 19 superb boundaries. Waugh was trapped by indefatigable fast bowler Allan Donald, smartly caught under the leg side after the right-hander had deflected the ball finely.

Waugh was far from happy with his dismissal, waiting at the crease until umpire Terry Prue raised his finger.

Waugh said at the end of the day he had thought the ball struck his thigh pad.

SCOREBOARD

Scorecard at stumps on the

second day of the five-day cricket Test between Australia and South Africa at Adelaide Oval today:

AUSTRALIA: 1st innings	
Taylor b G Kirsten	62
Slater c Rhodes b Donald	53
Boon c De Villiers b Donald	50
M Waugh c Snell b McMillan	2
Border c Richardson b Donald	82
S Waugh c Richardson b Donald	164
Healy c Rhodes b McMillan	0
Reifel not out	32
Warne not out	4
Extras: (lb-9, nb-9)	18



S WAUGH ... 164

Total: (7 wks, dec) 469
Fall of wickets: 1-83; 2-152; 3-159; 4-183; 5-391; 6-391; 7-464.

Bowling:					
	O	M	R	W	
Donald	38	7	122	3	
De Villier	41	11	105	0	
Snell	19	6	44	0	
McMillan	30	3	89	3	
Cronje	9	3	21	0	
G Kirsten	23	8	62	1	
P Kirsten	4	0	17	0	

SOUTH AFRICA: 1st innings
Hudson not out 17
G Kirsten not out 16
Extras: (b-1, lb-1, nb-4) 6
Total: 39

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Bowling:	O	M	R	W
McDermott	5	1	11	0
Reiffel	3	0	10	0
May	3	1	11	0
Warne	2	0	5	0

Akram in New Zealand

HAMILTON, Jan 29: Controversial allrounder Wasim Akram joined the Pakistan cricket team Saturday for the three-Test series with New Zealand, reports AP.

Akram was initially named captain of the touring squad but he lost the job after a revolt by 10 of the players who said they didn't want him in charge.

When he was replaced by experienced batsman Salim Malik and didn't arrive with the squad earlier this week, there were doubts he would come to New Zealand.

But he joined the visitors Saturday, earlier than expected, and made it clear there are no recriminations over the captaincy problems.

"My spirits are high. I'm going to try and give 100 per cent for the team and my country," left-arm fast bowler Akram said.

"It'll take some time, maybe another week or so before I'm okay mentally but in the end I realise I have to play cricket sooner or later."

Akram has enjoyed his previous tours to New Zealand. In 1985 he made his first appearance for Pakistan, taking 10 wickets in the Dunedin Test.

Last season he grabbed eight wickets to help push Pakistan to a thrilling 33-run Test win in Hamilton.

"I've done well here and I always look forward to coming to New Zealand," he said. "I like the hospitality here and the conditions."

Pakistan start their tour with a one-day match against an invitational XI on Sunday in Hamilton.

Office league cricket begins Feb 3

The first ever office league cricket, organised by Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB), begins here on February 3 (Thursday), reports UNB.

On the opening day, the Acme Laboratories will face Inqosueq Bank at the Dhaka Stadium while the Bangladesh Beverage Industries will meet Europa Travels at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

IFIC Bank will encounter Tech Valley Computers at the Dhaka Stadium while BCS Audit and Accounts team will face Bangladesh Biman at the Mirpur Pallabi ground the following day.

Sixteen teams, divided in four groups, are taking part in the league.

The participating teams are: Group A — Bangladesh Biman, RV Group of Industries, National Press Club, and BCS Audit and Accounts.

Group B — National University, the Acme Laboratories, Fisons (Bangladesh) Limited, Indosuez Bank.

Group C — Rupali Bank, Tech Valley Computers, ANZ Grindlays Bank, IFIC Bank.

Group D — Bangladesh Paper Mills Limited, Green Delta Insurance Company, Europa Travels and Bangladesh Beverage Industries.

The tournament committee has asked the participating teams to complete their registration formalities by February 2.

N'ganj in final round

Sports Reporter

Narayanjan emerged zonal champions to book a berth in the final round of the 18th Sher-e-Bangla Cup national football championship yesterday.

Narayanjan eliminated Munshiganj by a solitary goal in a Rajbari-zone final tie.

Kapil Dev just two wickets away

Lankans head for one more

BANGALORE, Jan 29: Sri Lanka were facing certain defeat on Saturday as India took a strangle-

hold on the second Test and Kapil Dev inched towards becoming Test crickets most successful bowler, reports AFP.

Following on 310 runs behind on the first innings, the tourists finished the third day at Bangalore's Chinnaswamy Stadium on 179 for seven as they caved in before India's three pronged spin attack.

With just three wickets in hand, they still need 132 runs to make India bat again and avoid a second successive innings defeat. Ruwan Kalpage was batting on 10 at stumps.

Kapil, who is chasing New Zealander Sir Richard Hadlee's record of 431 Test wickets, failed to add to his bag in the Sri Lankan second innings after boosting his tally to 429 in their first knock.

The 35-year-old warhorse, seeking to silence critics who think he has forfeited his right to bowl with the new ball at his age, took three wickets for 73, rediscovering his famed outswinger in the process.

Manoj Prabhakar was the most successful bowler with four for 82, and leg-spinner Anil Kumble finished with three for 50 as Sri Lanka were shot out for 231 in their reply to India's massive 541 for six declared.

Swing bowler Prabhakar ensured no last-minute heroics by running through the Sri Lankan tailend 50 minutes after the lunch break after Kumble, nicknamed 'smiling assassin' struck three quick blows in the morning session.

The 23-year-old spinner bowled India to an innings victory over the tourists in the first Test at Lucknow with a 11-wicket haul, and stretched his mastery into the second on Saturday after the Sri Lankans resumed on 59 for two.

And when the islanders had wiped out just five runs of

their first innings deficit, they lost opener Duleep Samaraweera to a catch by Sachin Tendulkar off Prabhakar with only five runs on the board.

Roshan Mahanama and Hashan Tillekeratne defied the Indian attack before Mahanama



TILLEKERATNE ... 80

fell to a dubious decision, ruled caught by Mohammad Azharuddin off southpaw spinner Venkatapathy Raju for 36.

Tillekeratne and skipper Arjuna Ranatunga batted with assurance before Tillekeratne offered a return catch to off-spinner Rajesh Chauhan after making a fine 80 with 14 hard-hit boundaries.

Ranatunga followed him to the pavilion soon afterwards, caught by Navjot Sidhu off Kumble for 28. His deputy Aravinda de Silva was scalped by Raju for eight.

Sanath Jayasuriya was out after stealing a single, holding out to a catch by substitute Ajay Jadhav off Chauhan, and wicket-keeper Pubudu Dassanayake fell lbw to

Kumble. India will be looking to finish off the Sri Lankan innings well before lunch on Sunday for their seventh-straight Test win.

SCOREBOARD

Following is the scorecard on the third day of the second cricket Test match between India and Sri Lanka being played here.

INDIA: First innings 541 for 6 declared

SRI LANKA: First innings

Mahanama c and b Kumble	47
Samaraweera c Prabhakar b Kapil	0
De Silva c Chauhan b Prabhakar	17
Ranatunga lbw Kapil	26
Sanat Jayasuriya c Prabhakar b Kumble	22
Kalpage lbw Kapil	63
Tillekeratne c Venkatapathy Raju b Kumble	0
Dassanayake lbw Prabhakar	16
Anurassiri c Tendulkar b Prabhakar	4
Wickramasinghe c Mongia b Prabhakar	8
Muralidharan not out	8
Extras: (lb-12, nb-8)	20
Total: (all out)	231

Fall of wickets: 1-7; 2-36; 3-94; 4-116; 5-132; 6-132; 7-189; 8-196; 9-208

Bowling:	O	M	R	W
Prabhakar	20	4	82	4
Kapil Dev	21.1	5	73	3
Kumble	13	2	50	3

SRI LANKA: Second innings

Mahanama c Azharuddin b Raju	36
Samaraweera c Tendulkar b Prabhakar	4
Tillekeratne c and b Chauhan	80
De Silva lbw b Raju	8
Ranatunga c Sidhu b Kumble	28
Jayasuriya c sub b Chauhan	1
Kalpage not out	10
Dassanayake lbw b Kumble	0
Extras: (b-9, lb-3)	12
Total: (for seven wickets)	179

Fall of wickets: 1-5; 2-69; 3-97; 4-164; 5-168; 6-176; 7-179.

Kapil Dev	4	1	18	0
Kumble	11.5	1	51	2
Raju	12	2	36	2

Mafiz runs through Lalbagh

Sports Reporter

Mafiz produced a devastating six-wicket spell, including a treble, to throttle Gandaria Cricketers to an easy ten-wicket victory over Lalbagh United Sporting Club at the Jagannath Hall ground yesterday.

Mafiz finished with sparkling figures of six for 14 as the Lalbagh outfit, batting first, were skittled out for 53 in 23.2 overs. The poor total owed a lot to some 20 runs coming from extras as none of the batsmen could reach the double-digit mark.

Rafiqul and Tuhin evenly shared the wickets left off by Mafiz, giving away 11 and 13 runs respectively.

The Gandaria opening pair started off the chase with a pronounced intention of getting things over with in no time and reached the winning target in 6.1 overs making 54. Rashed and Rafiqul remained unbeaten on 26 and 21 respectively.

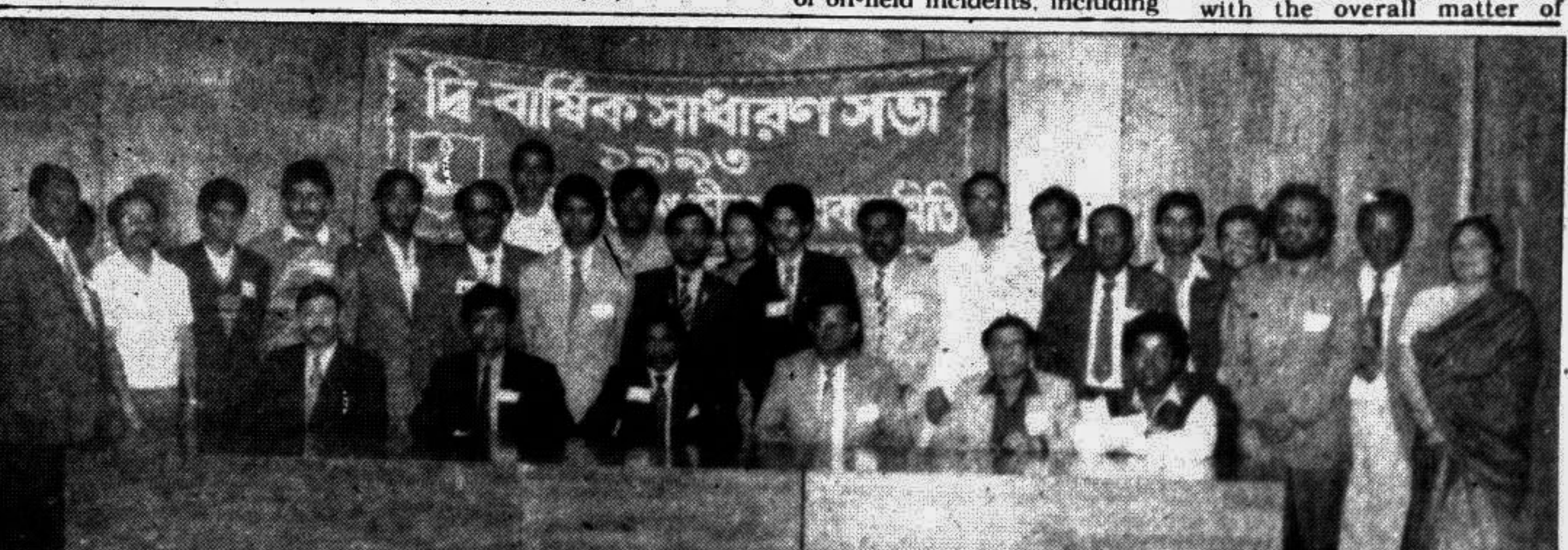
Meanwhile, the other Lalbagh outfit in the fray, Lalbagh Anwar CC, ended the day on a winning note when they recorded a 21-run win over Shantinagar A at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

Lalbagh Anwar made the first use of the eastern strip of the stadium and rattled 192 for the loss of six wickets in the stipulated 40 overs, thanks to two fine knocks from Shakil and Milton.

Shakil was the highest individual scorer for his side, making 66 while Milton followed him with 51. Thirty-two extra runs also came in handy for the eventual winners.

England A in for trouble

PORT ELIZABETH, South Africa, Jan 29: Eric Simons struck an invaluable 88 and then bundled out England A's John Crawley as South Africa 'A' took charge on the second day of a five-day mini-Test here Friday, reports AFP.



Members of the newly elected executive committee of the Bangladesh Sports Writers Association. The election was held at a biennial general meeting of the organisation on Friday, with Roqibul Hassan, the former skipper of the Bangladesh national cricket team replacing Abdul Towhid as the president of the association. — Star photo

those during recent matches with South Africa and New Zealand.

He labelled the practice of "send-offs," in which players ridicule and make gestures at dismissed batsmen, as "cowardly and un-Australian."

Crompton said the sight of bowlers abusing a departing batsman annoyed him and the ACB would look at all aspects of behaviour and discipline during the next month or so.

There has been concern with the overall matter of player behaviour," Crompton told reporters.

"There is concern there has been some deterioration. I refer in particular to bowlers giving send-offs to batsmen when they are dismissed. Batsmen don't have any comeback in that situation," he added.

"Verbals in other areas is a matter of concern also."